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April 1st week Current Affairs MCQ

1. On March 30, 2021 Rajasthan Diwas has celebrated to commemorate the formation of the state. The state was formed in which year?

- (a) 1947
- (b) 1948
- (c) 1949
- (d) 1950
- (e) 1951

Answer: C

Rajasthan Diwas is observed on March 30th every year to commemorate the formation of the state.

Rajasthan Diwas 2021 is being celebrated as the 72nd foundation day of the state.

Rajasthan is known as the 'Land of Kings' or 'Land of Kingdom' as it is the largest state by area.

Located in the northwest part of the country, it is home to a rich cultural diversity.

The state was formed on March 30th, 1949 when Rajputana was merged into the Dominion of India.

Jaipur being the largest city was declared as the capital of the state.

2. The government has announced a capital infusion of how much crores in four public sector banks (PSBs) through zero-coupon bonds?

- (a) 10000 crores
- (b) 14500 crores
- (c) 12500 crores
- (d) 20000 crores
- (e) 35000 crores

Answer: B

On March 31, 2021, The government announced capital infusion totalling Rs 14,500 crore in four public sector banks (PSBs) through zero-coupon bonds.

The four public sector banks (PSBs) namely Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of India and UCO Bank in 2020-21, by issuing non-interest bearing bonds to these banks.

The government will charge Rs 4,800 crore in Central Bank of India, Rs 4,100 crore in Indian Overseas Bank, Rs 3,000 crore in Bank of India and Rs 2,600 crore in UCO Bank.

3. Recently the Election Commission of India hosted a programme called International Virtual Election Visitors Programme for Election Management Bodies (EMBs) from how many countries?

- (a) 50
- (b) 26
- (c) 48
- (d) 33
- (e) 60

Answer: B

Election Commission of India hosted International Virtual Election Visitors Programme (IEVP) 2021 for Election Management Bodies (EMBs)

/Organisations from 26 countries and three International Organisations during the ongoing

elections for Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. On the sidelines of IEVP 2021, the Chief Election Commissioner also released the maiden issue of A-WEB India Journal of Elections. Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar gave the overview of the magnitude of the ongoing Assembly elections in four States of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and the Union Territory of Puducherry which involved over 187.2 million voters spread over 824 Assembly constituencies.

4. In April 2021, the government announced to borrow Rs 7.24 crores in the first half of 2021-22 fiscal to meet resources to perk up the economy hit by the coronavirus pandemic. The borrowings accounts for how much percent of the gross issuances of the government ?

- (a) 60.06%
- (b) 50.05%
- (c) 70.06%
- (d) 40.05%
- (e) 80.06%

Answer: A

On March 31, 2021, the government announced to borrow Rs 7.24 lakh crore in the first half of 2021-22 fiscal to meet resources to perk up the economy hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

In the first half of 2021-22, borrowing Rs 7.24 lakh crore accounts for 60.06 percent of the gross issuances.

The government raises money from the market to fund its fiscal deficit through dated securities and treasury bills.

According to the Budget 2021-22, the government's gross borrowing was estimated at Rs 12.05 lakh crore in the financial year beginning April 1 and net borrowing of Rs 9.37 lakh crore.

5. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Indian victory in the 1971 war, the Victory Flame lit by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is being carried to which island?

- (a) Lakshadweep
- (b) Andaman
- (c) Bet Dwarka
- (d) Diu
- (e) Nicobar

Answer: A

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Indian victory in the 1971 war, the year 2021 is being celebrated as 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh'.

As part of Swarnim Vijay Varsh activities in Southern Naval Command, the Victory Flame lit by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is being carried to Lakshadweep and Minicoy group of Islands.

The Victory Flame will be in the Islands from 05-14 April 2021. The Victory Flame is embarked onboard INS Sujata in Kochi on 05 April 2021 and will arrive at Minicoy on 06 April 2021.

6. The government has recently extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme till June 30, 2021. What is the tenor of loans granted under the ECLGS 3.0?

- (a) 5 years
- (b) 6 years
- (c) 7 years
- (d) 4 years
- (e) 3 years

Answer: B

On March 31, 2021, the government extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) till June 30 2021 or till such time that an amount of 3 lakh crore is sanctioned under the Scheme.

The limit of credit has been enhanced to 40 percent of outstanding loans as on Feb 29, 2020 as against 20 percent earlier.

The tenor of loans granted under ECLGS 3.0 will be 6 years including a moratorium period of 2 years.

The tenor of loans under the previous version, ECLGS 2.0, was five years with a 12-month moratorium.

This modification provides an incentive to MLIs (member lending institutions) to enable availability of additional funding facilities to the eligible beneficiaries.

The revised operational guidelines would be issued by National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC).

7. Which New York based global asset manager has raised USD 15 billion for its fourth Asia Fund to invest in the Asia Pacific region?

- (a) Goldman Sachs
- (b) UBS Group
- (c) Allianz
- (d) KKR & Co.
- (e) Fidelity

Answer: D

New York based global asset manager KKR & Co. has raised a record \$15 billion for its fourth Asia fund to take advantage of rising appetite for private institutional capital in the region.

KKR will invest approximately \$1.3 billion in capital alongside fund investors through the firm and its employees' commitments

KKR claims that its Asian Fund IV is currently the largest private equity fund dedicated to investing in the Asia Pacific region.

About KKR firm

KKR firm was founded in 1976.

The main purpose is to provide the investors with profit, usually within 4-7 years.

It comprises companies or investment managers that acquire capital from wealthy investors to invest in existing or new companies commonly via auction.

8. French based Suez Co. has signed a deal to sell its recycling and recovery business in Australia to Melbourne-based Cleanaway for USD_____.

- (a) 3.2 billion
- (b) 3 billion

- (c) 2.1 billion
- (d) 1.5 billion
- (e) 1.9 billion

Answer: E

Suez signed a deal to sell its recycling and recovery business in Australia to Melbourne-based Cleanaway for A\$2.5 billion (\$1.9 billion), the French water and waste-treatment firm said in a statement.

Under the terms, Suez can terminate the deal by May 6 if it gets taken over by Veolia, Cleanaway said in a filing.

Veolia or any other company can also make a higher bid for Suez's Australian assets by April 21.

If the deal between Suez and Cleanaway isn't completed, the Australian utility will still acquire a portfolio of two landfills and five transfer stations in the Sydney region for A\$501 million, the companies said.

If the Australia deal is completed, it would make Cleanaway among the largest waste treatment operators in the country.

9. Which Public Sector Bank has launched a card in association with fuel retailer Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited on the Rupay platform of NPCI?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Union Bank of India
- (c) Bank of Baroda
- (d) Allahabad Bank
- (e) Punjab National Bank

Answer: B

On March 26, 2021, Union Bank of India launched "UNI – CARBON CARD", a Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) co-branded credit card on the Rupay platform of NPCI.

It is a unique card designed in association with one of the largest Public Sector Bank, Union Bank of India and HPCL, a leader in the fuel retail and Rupay – India's largest card payment network. It will create an opportunity to create value for the customers.

About Union Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai

CEO: Rajkiran Rai

10. Which Bank has raised an amount of USD 1 billion from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to extend loans to the supply chain of Japanese automobile industry in India?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) United Bank
- (c) HDFC
- (d) Bank of Baroda
- (e) Axis Bank

Answer: A

Country's largest lender, State Bank of India, has raised \$1 billion from Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to extend loans to the supply chain of Japanese automobile industry in India.

The virtual signing ceremony event was held in the presence of Dinesh Khara, Chairman, SBI along with senior executives of SBI, Hayashi Nobumitsu,

Deputy Governor (JBIC) and Ayukawa Kenichi, CEO & MD of Maruti Suzuki.

The loan is in the form of refinancing against the funding support provided to the manufacturers, suppliers and dealers of Japanese automobiles in India.

Now the total loan facility between SBI and JBIC has become \$2 billion. Earlier in October 2020, SBI inked a similar agreement for \$1 billion with JBIC.

11. Recently, what edition of 'VajraPrahar', an exercise between India & USA joint military exercise was recently conducted at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh?

- (a) 10th
- (b) 11th
- (c) 12th
- (d) 13th
- (e) 14th

Answer: B

Special forces of India and the US carried out a joint military exercise at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh in March 2021.

It was the 11th edition of the exercise 'VajraPrahar' which is aimed at sharing best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics.

The 10th edition of VAJRA PRAHAR was held in 2019 at Seattle, USA.

12. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recently revamped its

IEM portal to enhance ease of doing business. What is E in IEM?

- (a) Entrepreneurs
- (b) External
- (c) Entry
- (d) Exit
- (e) Entity

Answer: A

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has revamped its Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM) portal.

This has been done with a view to enhancing ease of doing business and transparency.

The upgraded portal offers a single IEM for one company to capture details of all its locations and sectors.

This Single form will facilitate filling of investment intentions (IEM-Part A) and reporting of commencement of production (IEM-Part B) in a seamless manner.

Any amendments to the IEMs may also be done easily with respect to previously filed IEMs.

This entire process avoids duplication in filling information.

13. Name the gateway/portal used as the common customs electronic portal for all customs related documentation and duty payments, notified by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs.

- (a) ICE GATE
- (b) CBIC GATE
- (c) IPR GATE

(d) EDI GATE

(e) EC GATE

Answer: A

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notified ICEGATE or Indian Customs and Central Excise Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data Interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway as the common customs electronic portal

ICEGATE Gateway provides e-filing services to the trade and cargo carriers and other clients of the Customs Department (collectively called Trading Partner).

In addition to e-filing, ICEGATE also provides host of other services like e-payment, on-line registration for IPR, Document Tracking status at Customs EDI, online verification of DEPB/DES/EPCG licences, IE code status, PAN based CHA data and links to various other important websites/information pertaining to the Customs business.

ICEGATE also provides a 24X7 helpdesk facility for its trading partners.

To ensure secure filing, it is proposed to use digital signatures on the Bill of Entry and other documents/ messages to be handled on the gateway.

14. The Bangalore based, women-led startup, Astrome has developed an innovative wireless product for reliable low-cost internet in rural areas. What is the name of the product?

(a) Bikayi

(b) GigaMesh

(c) Playnow

(d) Hoovu

(e) Fountain9

Answer: B

Astrome, Bangalore based women-led startup, has developed an innovative wireless product that gives fibre-like bandwidth at fraction of cost of fibre to help telecom operators deliver reliable low-cost internet services to suburban and rural areas.

The wireless product, called GigaMesh, could enable telecom operators to deploy quality, high-speed rural telecom infrastructure at five times lower cost.

Rural customers and defence customers who have already signed up for pilots will soon witness the demonstration of this product by Astrome.

15. In April 2021, The new species of butterfly, whose scientific name is sinhalaramaswamiisadasivan was discovered in _____.

(a) Eastern Ghats

(b) Western Ghats

(c) Himalayan Ranges

(d) Aravalli ranges

(e) None of these

Answer: B

Researchers have discovered a new species of butterflies namely - sinhalaramaswamiisadasivan 2021 - adding to the expanding list of butterflies in India.

It is the first time that a butterfly species was discovered by an all-Indian research team from the Western Ghats.

The new taxon of Lycaenid butterfly belonging to the Nacaduba genus was discovered by researchers in the Agasthyamalais in the Western Ghats a decade ago.

The discovery by the team of researchers has now found a place in the Journal of Threatened Taxa, an open access and print, peer-reviewed, monthly, international journal on conservation and taxonomy.

The new species of butterflies was sighted by a team of lepidopterists Dr. Kalesh Sadasivan and Baiju K from Travancore Nature History Society.

The discovery has added the new species to India's butterfly fauna belonging to the Western Ghats, internationally recognized as a region of immense global importance for the conservation of biological diversity, besides containing areas of high geological, cultural and aesthetic values.

16. Which country team is the top ranked team in the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Men's Cricket World Cup Super League?

- (a) England
- (b) Australia
- (c) West Indies
- (d) South Africa
- (e) Sri Lanka

Answer: A

India has been moved up to seventh position on the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Men's Cricket

World Cup Super League standings after their seven-run win over England in the third ODI.

Despite the loss, England remained the top-ranked team in the standings with 40 points.

India has scored 29 points.

17. The renowned American writer Beverly Cleary recently passed away. She won the National Book award in which year?

- (a) 1984
- (b) 1981
- (c) 1991
- (d) 1975
- (e) 2000

Answer: B

The renowned American writer, Beverly Cleary, of children's and young adult fiction has passed away. Cleary was born April 12, 1916 in McMinnville, Oregon, and grew up in Portland and Yamhill, titling her autobiography, "A Girl from Yamhill."

Cleary published more than 40 books, with more than 85 million copies

They were translated into 29 languages.

Ramona Quimby and Beezus Quimby, Henry Huggins and his dog Ribsby, and Ralph S. Mouse all have some of her best known characters.

Cleary won the National Book Award in 1981 for "Ramona and Her Mother," and "Dear Mr. Henshaw" won the John Newbery Medal in 1984.

18. Name the President of Madagascar who served the country twice and was popularly known as 'The Red Admiral'.

- (a) Philibert Tsiranana
- (b) Andry Rajoelina
- (c) Didier Ratsiraka
- (d) Marc Ravalomanana
- (e) Alber Zafy

Answer: C

Didier Ratsiraka, who has died aged 84, served twice as the president of Madagascar, from 1975 to 1991 and again from 1997 to 2002, dominating the troubled politics of the Indian Ocean island for nearly three decades.

During his first stint in office he launched a socialist revolution and forged close ties to Kim Il Sung of North Korea, Fidel Castro of Cuba and the Soviet Union.

He was a charismatic former naval officer, and these policies earned him the nickname "the Red Admiral", as well as initial widespread popular support.

19. Lieutenant General Walter Anthony Gustavo 'Wag' Pinto has passed away recently. As a Major General, he led the _____ Infantry Division on the Western Front in the Indo-Pak war of 1971.

- (a) 36th
- (b) 54th
- (c) 50th
- (d) 61st
- (e) 45th

Answer: B

On March 25th, 2021, Lieutenant General Walter Anthony Gustavo 'Wag' Pinto, former General Officer in the Indian Army, passed away. Gen Pinto last served as the 8th General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Central Command. As Major General, he had led the 54th Infantry Division on the western front in the Indo-Pak War of 1971, for which he was awarded the prestigious Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM). He had penned a book 'Bash on Regardless', in which he described the Battle of Basantar.

20. Which state has been celebrated its statehood day also known as Utkal Divas on April 1?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Uttarakhand
- (e) Jharkhand

Answer: A

Utkal Divas or Odisha day is observed on April 1 every year.

This year, Odisha celebrates its 86th foundation day.

In 1936, it was the first state that was formed on a linguistic basis.

Earlier, it was part of Bihar.

On April 1, 1936, the Odisha state became a separate province.

21. International Children's Book Day 2021 has been organized on every Apr 02 by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY). It has been celebrating the day since _____.

- (a) 1976
- (b) 1955
- (c) 1967
- (d) 1986
- (e) 1991

Answer: C

International Children's Book Day (ICBD) has been organized annually on 2nd April since 1967, by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), an international non-profit organization, to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books.

Activities include writing competitions, announcements of book awards and events with authors of children's literature.

This year's theme was "The Music of Words."

IBBY United States is the sponsor for International Children's Book Day 2021.

Each year a different National Section of IBBY has the opportunity to be the international sponsor of ICBD and decide upon a theme.

22. The 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup is scheduled to be held in India. How many teams will compete in the Cricket world cup?

- (a) 10
- (b) 7
- (c) 9

(d) 6

(e) 12

Answer: A

The 2023 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup will be the 13th edition of the men's Cricket World Cup, scheduled to be hosted by India during October and November 2023.

This will be the first time the competition is held completely in India.

There are 10 teams that compete in the Cricket World Cup.

For the 2023 Cricket World Cup, India have already qualified automatically as hosts.

A further 7 teams will be determined by the 2020-22 ICC Cricket World Cup Super League, with the remaining 2 teams coming from the 2022 Cricket World Cup Qualifier.

23. In April 2021, Gujarat Assembly has passed the Freedom of Religion Act 2003 Bill. The new law provides for 3 to 10 years of jail and a fine of up to _____ if accused found guilty of forcible religious conversion by marriage.

- (a) 3 Lakhs
- (b) 1 Lakh
- (c) 5 Lakhs
- (d) 1.5 Lakhs
- (e) 2 Lakhs

Answer: C

Gujarat Assembly has passed the Freedom of Religion Act 2003 Bill that penalizes forcible or fraudulent religious conversion by marriage.

The new law has provision for three to 10 years in jail and a fine of up to five lakh rupees if the accused is found guilty.

The Bill amends a 2003 Act and seeks to curb the emerging trend in which women are lured to marriage for the purpose of religious conversion. Similar 'love jihad' laws have already been enacted in other BJP-ruled states such as Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

24. The World Autism Awareness Day has observed every year on which day to raise awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)?

- (a) April 1
- (b) April 2
- (c) April 3
- (d) April 5
- (e) April 7

Answer: B

The World Autism Awareness Day is observed internationally on 2 April every year, to raise awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) throughout the world.

It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 18 December 2007.

World Autism Day is one of only seven official health-specific UN Days.

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) aims to put a spotlight on the hurdles that people with autism and others living with autism face every day.

25. Tata Steel recently regained the market capitalization (market-cap) of Rs 1 trillion. The stock hit its highest level since which year?

- (a) 2008
- (b) 2010
- (c) 2012
- (d) 2014
- (e) 2016

Answer: A

Tata Steel regained market capitalisation (market-cap) of Rs 1 trillion in intra-day trade after the stock hit its highest level since June 2008, on healthy operational performance and expectation of improvement in the company's outlook.

Tata Steel's market-cap hit Rs 1-trillion (Rs 100,053 crore) after the stock hit a high of Rs 836.15, up 3 per cent on the BSE in intra-day trade.

Moody, revised the outlook on Tata Steel Ltd from "negative" to "stable" on the company's solid recovery in operations in the third quarter of current fiscal year (FY21).

26. The Union Cabinet has approved the Central Sector Scheme called "Production Linked Incentive Scheme for which of the following with an outlay of 10900 crore?

- (a) Farmers
- (b) MSMEs
- (c) Manufacturing industries
- (d) Food Processing Industries
- (e) Street Vendors

Answer: D

The Union Cabinet has approved the Central Sector Scheme called “Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI)” with an outlay of 10900 crore.

Scheme will be implemented over a six year period from 2021-22 to 2026-27. The Project Management Agency (PMA) shall implement the scheme.

PMA will be responsible for appraisal of applications/ proposals, verification of eligibility for support, scrutiny of claims eligible for disbursement of incentive.

The PLI scheme will support creation of global food manufacturing champions and support Indian brands of food products in the international markets.

27. What is the revised interest rate on Savings Deposit as declared by the government for the first quarter (April-June) of 2021-22?

- (a) 4%
- (b) 4.1%
- (c) 3.5%
- (d) 2.5%
- (e) 3%

Answer: C

The rate of interest on Small Savings Schemes for the first quarter (April-June) of 2021-22 will remain unchanged as the last quarter (January-March) of 2020-2021.

Earlier on March 31, 2021, the Government had announced a cut in interest rates on various small savings schemes sharply by 40-110 basis points.

Public Provident Fund rate has been cut down to 6.4 per cent from 7.1 per cent annually.

Savings deposit rate has been revised from 4 per cent to 3.5 per cent annually

28. What is the present interest rate on the girl child saving scheme ‘SukanyaSamriddhiYojana’ for the year 2021-22?

- (a) 5.9%
- (b) 6.4%
- (c) 7.6%
- (d) 6.8%
- (e) 6.9%

Answer: E

The interest rate on National Savings Certificates has been reduced to 5.9 per cent from existing 6.8 percent and KisanVikasPatra will give a yield of 6.2 percent and mature in 138 months.

The girl child savings scheme SukanyaSamriddhiYojana account will offer 6.9 percent interest rate instead of earlier 7.6 per cent. The rate of interest on Small Savings Schemes for the first quarter (April-June) of 2021-22 will remain unchanged as the last quarter (January-March) of 2020-2021.

Earlier on March 31, 2021, the Government had announced a cut in interest rates on various small savings schemes sharply by 40-110 basis points.

29. As per section 139AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961, it is necessary for all taxpayers to link their Aadhaar number with Permanent Account Number

(PAN). Section 139AA was inserted in the Income Tax Act in which year?

- (a) 2012
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2017
- (e) 2016

Answer: D

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the last date for the mandatory linking of the Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar number till June, 30 2021.

Earlier this deadline was March, 31 2021.

And as per section 139AA of the Income Tax Act, 1961, from 01.07.2017 onwards, It is necessary for all taxpayers possessing an Aadhaar Number or Enrolment Number to link the same with Permanent Account Number (PAN) from 01.07.2017 onwards. It is worth mentioning here that section 139AA was inserted in the Income Tax Act through Finance Act, 2017.

The authorities shall impose a fine of Rs 1 thousand rupees for not linking PAN and Aadhaar.

30. Airtel Africa has signed a deal with Mastercard to invest USD _____ in its mobile money operations.

- (a) 100 million
- (b) 50 million
- (c) 120 million
- (d) 80 million
- (e) 150 million

Answer: A

Airtel Africa has signed a deal to sell a 3.75% stake in its mobile money operations to global payment processor Mastercard Inc for \$100 million, valuing the business at \$2.65 billion.

Under the agreement, Mastercard, via one of its wholly-owned arms, will invest \$100 million in Airtel Mobile Commerce BV (AMC BV) -- a wholly owned arm of Airtel Africa plc.

AMC BV is the holding company for several of Airtel Africa's mobile money operations and is intended to own and operate the mobile money businesses across all of Airtel Africa's fourteen operating countries.

31. The Ministry of AYUSH has invited applications for the Prime Minister's Yoga Awards (PMYA). The winners will be felicitated with a trophy, certificate & a cash prize of _____.

- (a) 10 Lakh
- (b) 20 Lakh
- (c) 25 Lakh
- (d) 15 Lakh
- (e) 7 Lakh

Answer: C

The Ministry of AYUSH has invited applications for the Prime Minister's Yoga Awards (PMYA).

The award will be hosted on the MyGov platform, and consists of two National categories for the entities of Indian origin and two International categories for the entities of Indian or foreign origin.

The Ministry of AYUSH said that the winners will be felicitated with a trophy, certificate, and a cash award of 25 lakh rupees, which will be announced on the International Day of Yoga on the 21st of June 2021.

The awards are being proposed to be given each year for exemplary contribution in the field of Yoga towards the development and promotion of Yoga. It has been proposed that the contribution be recognized both at the National as well as International levels.

32. The Government has launched 5 All India surveys which are developed & designed by the Labour bureau under the guidance of an expert group headed by_____.

- (a) SantoshGangwar
- (b) Apurva Chandra
- (c) S.P. Mukherjee
- (d) Amitabh Kundu
- (e) GopalRai

Answer: C

The Labour Bureau has recently launched five major All India Surveys.

The five surveys are the All-India Survey of Migrant Workers, All-India Survey on Domestic Workers, All-India Survey on Employment generated in Transport Sector, All-India Survey of Employment Generated by Professionals and All-India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES). These surveys have been developed and designed by the Labour Bureau under the technical guidance

of an expert group chaired by Prof S. P. Mukherjee and co-chaired by Dr Amitabh Kundu.

The first surveys launched out of the 5 surveys are the All-India Survey of Migrant Workers and All-India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES).

These surveys are path breaking in their "Paperless" data collection approach due to use of tablet PCs in the field work, these tablets are equipped with the latest software application.

33. Which of the following countries has hosted the second meeting of the Sherpas of G7 that was attended by Suresh Prabhu from India's side?

- (a)UK
- (b)Singapore
- (c)Australia
- (d)South Korea
- (e)South Africa

Answer: A

The second meeting of the Sherpas of G7 and guest countries was held on 30th March, 2021.

India's G7 Sherpa Suresh Prabhu attended the meeting.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson ArindamBagchi said the priority issues under the UK's G7 Presidency agenda were discussed, including preparations for the COP26 Summit and global health cooperation.

India has been invited as a guest country of the G7 by the UK this year, along with Australia, South Korea and South Africa.

34. Name the person who was defeated by the winner of the men's singles gold in the SL4 category at the Dubai Para Badminton tournament.

- (a) SukantKadam
- (b) Nagar Krishna
- (c) ManojSarkar
- (d) Nitesh Kumar
- (e) Pramodbhagat

Answer: D

World number one PramodBhagat won the men's singles gold in the SL4 category at the Dubai Para Badminton tournament after defeating compatriot Nitesh Kumar.

Bhagat beat Kumar 21-17 21-18 in the final.

The Indians, who returned to international competition after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the suspension of events for more than a year, won 21 medals -- 5 gold, 6 silver, 10 bronze -- in the tournament.

35. In April 2021, What edition of the Ministerial Conference was attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Tajikistan?

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 5th
- (c) 8th
- (d) 6th
- (e) 9th

Answer: E

During his three-day visit to Tajikistan, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will attend the ninth

Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia - Istanbul Process (HoA-IP) on Afghanistan in Dushanbe.

Jaishankar will attend the conference at the joint invitation of his counterparts from Afghanistan and Tajikistan.

He is expected to meet leaders of other participating countries on the sidelines, according to a March 26 statement from the external affairs ministry.

The conference, being hosted in Tajikistan, is focused on strengthening a regional and international consensus for Afghan peace.

36. John Krafcik has announced his retirement from the post of Chief Executive Officer of which among the following company giant?

- (a) Waymo
- (b) Volkswagen
- (c) Mercedes
- (d) Volvo
- (e) Toyota

Answer: A

John Krafcik announced his departure as CEO of Waymo, a company spun out from Google.

He cited his desire to enjoy life as the world emerges from the pandemic.

Krafcik will remain an adviser to Waymo, a company that established itself as the clear leader in autonomous driving since Google hired him in 2015

37. India's Ambassador to China has recently launched India @75 celebration in Shanghai. Name the Indian Ambassador to China.

- (a) Taranjitsingh
- (b) Manish Prabhat
- (c) VikramMisri
- (d) Pranay Kumar
- (e) Rahul Srivastav

Answer: C

India's Ambassador to China VikramMisri interacted with representatives of Indian industry in Shanghai.

He also launched India@75 celebrations in Shanghai.

The event was attended by more than 30 representatives representing 8 sectors such as textiles, pharma, electronics, manufacturing, chemicals, IT, banking etc.

Two-way trade between the two countries stood at \$77.7 billion in 2020, according to provisional data from the Ministry of Commerce.

38. Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (Independent charge) MansukhMandaviya has launched a new cruise service connecting Hazira port in Surat and Diu island. What is the passenger capacity of the cruise ship?

- (a) 150
- (b) 300
- (c) 200
- (d) 400
- (e) 450

Answer: B

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (Independent charge) MansukhMandaviya launched

a new cruise service connecting Hazira port in Surat and Diu Island.

He flagged off this service virtually via video conference.

A cruise ship will leave Hazira every Monday and Wednesday and reach Diu -next day in the morning. Its return journey will take place on the same day in the evening from Diu and reach Hazira next day in the morning. One-way journey will take 13 to 14 hours' time.

A 300-passenger capacity cruise ship will have 16 cabins. Around four months ago, ropax ferry service connecting Hazira -Surat and Ghogha Bhavnagar was launched.

39. Indian Government has sanctioned how much amount (in Taka) for the Muktijoddha Scholarship scheme for the descendants of the Liberation War fighters of Bangladesh?

- (a) 35 crores
- (b) 50 crores
- (c) 30 crores
- (d) 20 crores
- (e) 25 crores

Answer: A

In order to further the people to people ties between India & Bangladesh, India provides scholarships for the descendants of the Liberation War fighters of Bangladesh.

The government of India has announced scholarships to 2000 descendants of the Liberation

War fighters of Bangladesh under its new Muktiyoddha Scholarship scheme.

The scheme was launched in 2017 during the visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to India.

The new scheme is aimed to benefit 10,000 students from Bangladesh over a period of five years.

The scholarship carries an amount of 20,000 Taka for students of Higher Secondary and 50,000 Taka to Undergraduate category students, who are direct descendants of Muktiyoddha or Liberation War fighters of Bangladesh.

The Govt of India has sanctioned an amount of 35 crore Taka for both schemes combined together.

40. Union Government has approved a 780 crore rupees project for upgradation of KargilZanskar road. In which year, the KargilZanskar road was declared as NH 301 by the Centre?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

Answer: C

The Union Government has approved a 780 Crore rupees project for upgradation of KargilZanskar road. The 2 lane KargilZanskar NH 301 road is sanctioned under EPC mode.

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways NitinGadkari approved the upgradation of the 780 Crore project.

Zanskar- Kargil road was declared National Highway in 2017 by the Centre.

This road from Zanskarvalley, also connects Suru valley, Sankoo valley of KargilLadakh with the Highway.

The road will be a key for economic development of the remote region of Ladakh.

41. Vice President has recently addressed the 600th birth anniversary of AdikaviSarala Das. He was one of the great scholars of _____ Literature.

- (a) Odia
- (b) Vedic
- (c) Tamil
- (d) Bengali
- (e) Assamese

Answer: A

The Vice President Venkaiah Naidu addressed OdiaAdikabiSaralaDas's 600th birth anniversary function in Cuttack.

Sarala Das was one of the great scholars of Odia literature.

He was the first scholar who wrote his works in Odia in 15th century A.D.

Best known for three Odia books, Mahabharata, Vilanka Ramayana and ChandiPurana. He also wrote the book LaxmiNarayanaVachanika.

He started writing his Mahabharata in the reign of Kapileswar, otherwise known as Kapilendra, the famous Gajapati king of Odisha (AD 1435–67).

42. The Rural Development Department Kargil has organised a one-day Training and Awareness Programme for Self Help Groups on the cultivation of _____.

- (a) Potatoes
- (b) Mushroom
- (c) Tomatoes
- (d) Onions
- (e) Saffron

Answer: D

In Kargil Ladakh, Rural Development Department Kargil organised a one-day Training and Awareness Programme for Self Help Groups under National Rural Livelihood Mission at Sankoo block.

The training was imparted by Mrs Razia Banoo from Agriculture Department and Dr Rigzin Dolkar from KVK Kargil (SUKAST) on Onion Cultivation and other agricultural activities and SHG Formation and Agriculture as a means to boost these SHGs to earn and increase their livelihood.

43. The Centre has proposed _____ percent tax concession on the purchase of new commercial vehicles with vehicle scrappage certificates.

- (a) 30
- (b) 20
- (c) 25
- (d) 15
- (e) 10

Answer: D

Centre has proposed up to 25 percent tax concession on the purchase of new vehicles on submission of scrappage certificate.

The Road, Transport and Highways Ministry has published the draft rules regarding concession in motor vehicle tax against scrapped vehicles.

Under the draft rules, people will get 25 percent concession on the purchase of personal vehicles with vehicle scrappage certificates while on the purchase of commercial vehicles, the tax relief will be 15 percent.

In case of personal vehicles, the tax concessions will be available upto eight years while for commercial vehicles, it will be upto 15 years.

The period will be reckoned from the date of first registration.

The government has invited suggestions from various stakeholders on the draft rules within a period of 30 days. The rules are proposed to come into force from 1st of October this year.

44. UAE and India's bilateral trade is projected to grow from \$60 billion in 2020 to _____ billion by 2030.

- (a) \$120
- (b) \$100
- (c) \$110
- (d) \$80
- (e) \$90

Answer: B

Tapping into the mutual strengths of India, Israel and the UAE could propel the India, Israel and the UAE

trilateral trade between the countries to a high of \$110 billion by 2030, top diplomats and members of the business community have said.

The comments were made at an event organised by the International Federation of Indo-Israel Chambers of Commerce (IFIICC) to discuss the ongoing business collaborations being pursued through IFIICC's leadership across sectors.

UAE and India's bilateral trade is projected to grow from \$60 billion in 2020 to \$100 billion by 2030. UAE is a gateway to the world and this trilateral with India and Israel could benefit the world.

45. Which among the following Indian firms has not achieved the milestone to hit the ₹6 trillion in market capitalization till date?

- (a) Reliance Industries Ltd
- (b) Tata Consultancy Services Ltd
- (c) Infosys Ltd
- (d) HDFC Bank Ltd
- (e) Wipro Ltd

Answer: E

Infosys Ltd became the fourth Indian firm to hit ₹6 trillion in market capitalisation after its shares surged over 141% in the last one year.

Earlier, Reliance Industries Ltd, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd and HDFC Bank Ltd have achieved this milestone.

Infosys is an Indian MNC founded in 1981 and headquartered in Bangalore, Karnataka.

46. As per the National Payments Corporation of India data, which among the following UPI apps does not come under the top 6 apps that recorded the highest number of transactions?

- (a) Google pay
- (b) Paytm
- (c) Amazon Pay
- (d) BHIM
- (e) PhonePe

Answer: E

Homegrown digital payments innovation United Payments Interface (UPI) has processed Rs 5.04 lakh crore in transaction value at an all-time high during March 2021, showed data shared by regulator National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

In terms of volume, UPI has seen transactions on its platform more than double to 2.73 billion when compared to 1.25 billion in March 2020.

The other top six UPI apps which recorded the highest number of transactions were Google Pay, Paytm Payments Bank, Axis Bank, Amazon Pay, Yes Bank, and BHIM.

47. The Reserve Bank of India has extended the deadline to process recurring online transactions with AFA. The framework regarding it mandated the use of AFA with the relaxation for subsequent transactions up to a limit of _____.

- (a) ₹ 1000
- (b) ₹ 2000
- (c) ₹ 2500
- (d) ₹ 5000
- (e) ₹ 7000

Answer: D

The Reserve Bank of India, RBI, extended the deadline to process recurring online transactions with additional factor of authentication, AFA, to 30th September of this year.

The RBI said, to prevent any inconvenience to the customers, it has decided to extend the timeline for the stakeholders to migrate to the framework by six months.

The framework regarding it mandated the use of AFA during registration and first transaction, with relaxation for subsequent transactions up to a limit of Rs 5,000.

48. Which among the following International organisation has approved a USD 32 million project to upgrade health services in Mizoram?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank
- (c) Asian Development Bank
- (d) New Development Bank
- (e) International Monetary Fund

Answer: A

The World Bank Board of Executive Directors has approved a USD 32 million project to improve management capacity and quality of health services in Mizoram.

The project will strengthen the governance and management of the Mizoram health department by improving the quality of its services.

The project will also invest in a comprehensive quality assurance programme, which would enable quality certification of health facilities.

The \$32 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a maturity of 14.5 years, including a grace period of 5 years.

49. In March 2021, Subhash Kumar took over the additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC). He would succeed _____.

- (a) Shashi Shanker
- (b) Pramod Bhagat
- (c) Mukhmeet S. Bhatia
- (d) Manjinder Singh
- (e) Bharat Singh

Answer: A

Subhash Kumar assumed the additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) on April 01, 2021.

He is serving as Director (Finance) at ONGC.

Kumar succeeds incumbent CMD, Shashi Shanker, who superannuated on March 31, 2021.

50. In March 2021, Senior IAS officer Mukhmeet S. Bhatia took over the charge of Director General of which of the following organisations?

- (a) National Water Board

- (b) Central Pollution Control Board
- (c) Employees State Insurance Corporation
- (d) National Safety Council
- (e) Central Statistical Organization

Answer: C

Senior IAS officer Mukhmeet S. Bhatia took over the charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on April 04, 2021.

Bhatia is a 1990 IAS Officer of Jharkhand cadre.

Earlier, he has worked as the Additional Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.

51. The Reserve Bank of India has increased the foreign portfolio investment (FPI) limit in corporate bonds to _____ for strengthening the segment of the corporate bonds.

- (a) 15%
- (b) 10%
- (c) 12.5%
- (d) 9%
- (e) 17.5%

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the foreign portfolio investment (FPI) limit in corporate bonds to 15% of outstanding stock for FY 2020-21 from 9% to strengthen the segment of the corporate bonds.

The limit has been increased under sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999).

Apart from raising the FPI limit in corporate bonds, RBI has also enabled a Fully Accessible Route (FAR) for investment by non-residents in government securities.

52. Which bank has launched Whatsapp banking to assist its customers in meeting the banking needs from homes during the lockdown?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) HDFC
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) Yes Bank
- (e) SBI

Answer: A

ICICI bank has collaborated with Whatsapp to provide seamless banking experience to its customers from homes during the lockdown.

ICICI WhatsApp banking service enables customers to check their savings account balance, last three transactions, credit card limit, accessing details of pre-approved instant loan offers and blocking/unblocking credit and debit cards.

Customers just need to save ICICI Bank's verified WhatsApp profile number, 9324953001 to their contacts and send 'Hi' on this number using the mobile number registered with the bank.

The bank will respond with a lockdown of the services available under this facility.

The Non-ICICI Bank customers can also use this service to know the nearby location of the Bank's branches / ATMs.

53. Japan based Hitachi Ltd is all set to buy which among the following US based digital engineering service company for USD 9.6 billion to strengthen its digital capabilities?

- (a) Fluor Corp
- (b) M3bi
- (c) GlobalLogic
- (d) WSP
- (e) Jensen Hughes

Answer: C

Hitachi, Ltd. has announced to acquire GlobalLogic Inc., a leading U.S.-headquartered digital engineering services company for \$9.6 billion.

The acquisition of GlobalLogic is part of Hitachi's 2021 mid-term plan, which includes a commitment to invest 1 trillion yen (\$9 billion) to strengthen the digital capabilities of the company's sprawling businesses.

The acquisition will create synergies across Hitachi's five sectors – IT, Energy, Industry, Mobility and Smart Life – and automotive systems business by accelerating the advanced digital transformation of social infrastructure such as rail, energy, and healthcare at a global scale.

Headquartered in Silicon Valley, GlobalLogic is a leading company in the fast-growing digital engineering services market.

54. A MOU was signed between CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar, CSIR-NML, Jamshedpur and NALCO for extraction of Rare Earth Elements from

Red mud. Red Mud is the waste of which of the following metals?

- (a) Aluminium
- (b) Copper
- (c) Bronze
- (d) Magnesium
- (e) Iron

Answer: A

A Memorandum of Understanding, MoU was signed between CSIR Institute of Metal and Materials Technology (CSIR-IMMT), Bhubaneswar; CSIR-National Metallurgical Laboratory (CSIR-NML), Jamshedpur; National Aluminium Company Ltd. (NALCO), on 31 March for extraction of Rare Earth Elements (REE), from Red Mud (Aluminum waste). Also part of MoU is the Nagpur-based institute Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminium Research Development Design Centre (JNARDDC) and Hindalco Industries Limited and Vedanta Limited. This will help in reducing import dependence on China for REE and will boost the AtmaNirbhar Bharat Mission.

China today controls nearly 90 per cent of global rare earth production.

Red Mud is produced in alumina extraction from bauxite; around 1-ton alumina extract generates 1-1.5 tonnes of red Mud.

JNARDDC is the only institution in the country that invented a technology to extract REE from red Mud and also to reuse red Mud for other commercial activities

55. RBI former governor Urjit Patel has been appointed as the Additional Director of Britannia Industries. He was appointed as the governor of RBI in which year?

- (a) 2018
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2016
- (e) 2017

Answer: D

The Board of Britannia Industries has appointed former Reserve Bank Governor Urjit Patel as the company's Additional Director in the category of Non-Executive and Independent Director. He has been appointed as the Additional Director with effect from March 31 for a five-year period. Urjit Patel fulfills the criteria of independence as required under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. He was the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during September 2016-December 2018.

56. In April 2021, Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh, YudhSeva Medalist, VishistSeva Medalist took over as Chief of Staff of Western Command Headquarters. In which year, he won the 'VishishtSeva Medal'?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2018
- (d) 2015

(e) 2019

Answer: E

Lieutenant General Manjinder Singh, YudhSeva Medalist, VishistSeva Medalist took over as the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Western Command. The command's area of responsibility covers Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh and parts of Jammu.

After taking over the charge, he laid a wreath at 'Veer Smriti' and paid homage to the martyrs of Western Command.

For his exemplary leadership and devotion to duty towards the Nation, the General has been decorated with the YudhSeva Medal in 2015 and VishistSeva Medal in 2019.

57. Karnataka bank has partnered with which automobile giant to offer vehicle financing options for potential car buyers?

- (a) Maruti Suzuki
- (b) Bajaj Auto
- (c) Ashok Leyland
- (d) Tata Motors
- (e) Eicher Motors

Answer: A

Maruti Suzuki India has signed a pact with private sector lender Karnataka Bank to introduce finance options for prospective car buyers.

As part of this partnership, the customers will be offered loans up to 85 per cent on the on-road price of all the new cars sold through the automaker's Arena and Nexa channels.

Customers can avail the benefits across 858 branches of Karnataka Bank at metro, urban, semi urban and rural locations," the automaker said in a statement.

According to Maruti Suzuki India, the tenure for car loans can be up to 84 months.

Also, the loans will bear an interest rate linked to the external benchmark lending rate.

58. Recently 'ShantirO'goshen' -2021 Multinational Military Exercise was conducted. Which of the following countries is not one of the participants?

- (a) India
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Bangladesh
- (e) Saudi Arabia

Answer: E

A 10-day multinational military exercise named 'ShantirOgroshena' in which troops of four countries including India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka participated, culminated on April 12 in Bangladesh. The exercise also included observers from the US, UK, Turkey and Saudi Arabia and others.

The exercise was organised to pay tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh MujiburRahman on his birth centenary and celebrate the golden jubilee of the liberation of Bangladesh.

The Indian Army contingent will comprise 30 personnel from the Dogra Regiment, including officers, junior commissioned officers and jawans.

"The theme of the exercise is Robust Peacekeeping Operations, the Defence Ministry said.

59. The World Bank has approved USD 25mn to Afghanistan recently. The new grant will help Afghanistan to improve its _____ facilities.

- (a) Infrastructural
- (b) Sanitation
- (c) Education
- (d) Solar power
- (e) None

Answer: C

The World Bank has approved an additional USD 25 million grant to improve equitable access to primary and secondary education, particularly for girls, in Afghanistan on April 01.

Through the project, the new grant will help build 100 schools to ease access to education for Afghan girls and promote community-based education, according to the World Bank.

The project is supported by the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank Group's fund for the poorest countries, the Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF), and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), a multi-stakeholder partnership that aims to strengthen education systems in lower-income countries.

60. According to the report "Renewable Capacity Statistics 2021" by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), The world has added

more than _____ gigawatts of renewable energy capacity in 2020.

- (a) 150GW
- (b) 220 GW
- (c) 190 GW
- (d) 260 GW
- (e) 290 GW

Answer: D

According to data released today by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) the world added more than 260 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy capacity last year, exceeding expansion in 2019 by close to 50 per cent.

IRENA's annual Renewable Capacity Statistics 2021 shows that renewable energy's share of all new generating capacity rose considerably for the second year in a row.

More than 80 per cent of all new electricity capacity added last year was renewable, with solar and wind accounting for 91 per cent of new renewables.

International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is an intergovernmental organisation to promote sustainable use of renewable energy. It was founded in 2009 and is headquartered in Masdar city, Abu Dhabi.

61. Wipro has signed an agreement to acquire which Australia-based provider of cyber security, devops and quality engineering services for \$117mn?

- (a) Ampion
- (b) Shelde

- (c) Capco
- (d) CrowdStrike
- (e) Revolution IT

Answer: A

Wipro has announced its agreement to acquire Ampion, an Australia-based provider of cyber security, devops and quality engineering services. According to reports, Wipro will acquire Ampion for \$117 million.

Ampion was formed through the merger of IT services providers Revolution IT and Shelde. The announcement comes right after Wipro's recent acquisition of Capco, a British consulting firm, for \$1.45 billion.

62. India has slipped _____ places to rank 140th in the most gender-equal countries in the world as per the 15th edition of World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021.

- (a) 11
- (b) 15
- (c) 28
- (d) 31
- (e) 48

Answer: C

India has slipped 28 places to rank 140th among 156 countries in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021, becoming the third-worst performer in South Asia.

According to the report, India had so far closed 62.5% of its gender gap, but it has widened over the past year.

In the 2020 index, WEF had said that India had closed 66.8% of its gender gap. In that year's index, the country had ranked 112th among 153 countries. For the 12th time, Iceland is the most gender-equal country in the world.

The top 10 most gender-equal countries: Iceland, Finland, Norway, New Zealand, Rwanda, Sweden, Ireland and Switzerland. In South Asia, only Pakistan and Afghanistan ranked below India.

Now in its 15th year, the report benchmarks the evolution of gender-based gaps in four areas: economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment.

It also examines the drivers of gender gaps and outlines the policies and practices needed for a gender-inclusive recovery.

63. In the UT of Puducherry, the Child Welfare Committee has advised the political parties not to utilize the service of Children in Electioneering. Who is the chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights?

- (a) Ashokan
- (b) PriyankaKangoo
- (c) StutiNarainKacker
- (d) Subhash Kumar
- (e) Smritilrani

Answer: C

In the Union Territory of PuducherryThe Child Welfare Committee (CWC) advised political parties

not to utilize the service of Children in Electioneering.

Child Welfare Committee chairperson Ashokan in a release said that the commission received complaints that children are being used by political parties for their election campaign.

As per the directions of the National Child Welfare Commission, the election department was directed to monitor the campaigning of political parties and to initiate action if children are used for campaign.

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is an Indian statutory body founded in 2007.

Its current chairman is StutiNarainKacker

64. Recently, the 17th ministerial meeting of BIMSTEC Organisation was attended by the External Affairs Minister. The organization comprises how many members?

- (a) 5
- (b) 8
- (c) 10
- (d) 7
- (e) 9

Answer: D

Recently, the External Affairs Minister of India participated in the 17th Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Ministerial Meeting

The meeting endorsed the BIMSTEC Master Plan for Transport Connectivity for adoption at the next BIMSTEC Summit, which will be held in Sri Lanka.

The meeting Highlighted progress achieved in sectors where India is the Lead Country viz Counter Terrorism & Trans-national Crime, Transport & Communication, Tourism, and Environmental & Disaster management and other activities.

BIMSTEC is a regional organisation. It comprises 7 countries. Five of these seven countries -India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan , Bangladesh are from South Asia while the remaining two- Thailand & Myanmar are from Southeast Asia.

65. Beijing recently has organised the 7 day-long Indian Food Week. The next Food week is scheduled to be organised at which of the following places in China?

- (a) Shanghai
- (b) Tianjin
- (c) Guilin
- (d) Wuhan
- (e) Chengdu

Answer: A

Beijingers got another opportunity to experience the soul of India, this time through its food as they flocked to the 7 day-long Indian Food Week organized at a five-star hotel in Beijing.

Indians, Chinese and foreigners of other nationalities alike savored diverse delicacies, anecdotal Indian masala tea, Indian chaat, panipuris and chowmein along with delectable desserts like kulfi.

Rabiul, who organized the festival with an Indian chef from another Indian restaurant, said that after

Beijing, this Indian Food Week will be organized in Shanghai this month.

66. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has informed that above 3 lakh 49 thousand tonnes of Wheat have been procured with MSP benefit of more than _____ for the duration of the present-day Rabi advertising and marketing period.

- (a) 500 crores
- (b) 600 crores
- (c) 560 crores
- (d) 690 crores
- (e) 710 crores

Answer: D

The Public Distribution Ministry has informed that above 3 lakh 49 thousand tonnes of Wheat have been procured with MSP benefit of more than Rs 690 Crore for the duration of the present-day Rabi advertising and marketing period.

The procurement of Wheat has recently commenced in the States of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan.

The Shopper Affairs, Meals and Public Distribution Ministry stated the procurement has benefited additional than 4 lakh 45 thousand farmers.

67. Alfred Vaino Aho and Jeffrey David Ullman have won the 2020 ACM A.M. Turing Award. The award is given in the field of _____.

- (a) Literature
- (b) Dancing

- (c) Singing
- (d) Computing
- (e) None of these

Answer: D

The ACM A. M. Turing Award is an annual prize given by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) for contributions "of lasting and major technical importance to the computer field.

The ACM A.M. Turing Award, often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Computing," carries a \$1 million prize, with financial support provided by Google, Inc. It is named for Alan M. Turing, the British mathematician who articulated the mathematical foundation and limits of computing.

The first recipient, in 1966, was Alan Perlis, of Carnegie Mellon University.

Alfred V. Aho has won the **AM Turing Award 2020** for his research and influential text books on fundamental algorithms and theory underlying programming language implementation.

Professor Aho shared the award with Jeffrey David Ullman, with whom he has been working together since 1967.

68. Who among the following has been appointed as the WHO Special Envoy for the Access to COVID19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-Accelerator)?

- (a) Jeffrey David
- (b) Carl Bildt
- (c) Moctar Ouane
- (d) Thomas Bach
- (e) None of these

Answer: B

Former Prime Minister of Sweden Carl Bildt has been appointed as WHO Special Envoy for the Access to COVID19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-Accelerator).

Carl Bildt will help lead the collective advocacy for the ACT-Accelerator, mobilizing support and resources so it can deliver against its strategy for 2021.

69. Anjali Bhawra has been recently appointed as the Secretary of which among the following department/ministry?

- (a) Department of Public Enterprises
- (b) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- (d) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- (e) Department of Economic Affairs

Answer: D

The Centre appointed new Secretaries and Special Secretaries in different departments and Ministries.

- Secretary Department of Economic Affairs
Tarun Bajaj has been appointed as Revenue Secretary.
- 1987 batch IAS officer of Karnataka Cadre
Ajay Seth has been appointed Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs
- 1988 batch IAS Officer of Kerala Cadre
Gyanesh Kumar has been appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

- Ali Raza Rizvi will be the new Secretary in Department of Public Enterprises
- Jatindra Nath Swain has been appointed Secretary, Department of Fisheries.
- Anjali Bhawra will be the Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
- Anil Kumar Jha will be Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

70. For the proposed 4 -year COVID-19 emergency response & health systems preparedness project in India, the World Bank has offered _____ billion.

- (a) \$ 1 billion.
- (b) \$2 billion
- (c) \$3 billion
- (d) \$5 billion
- (e) \$8 billion

Answer: A

The World Bank has offered USD 1 billion for the proposed 4 -year COVID-19 emergency response & health systems preparedness project in India

The project aims to develop the preparedness of India's health care systems in the time of the pandemic & also to respond and mitigate the pandemic.

The project measures the progress on key indicators, such as the proportion of laboratory-confirmed cases of Covid-19 who responded within 48 hours and the proportion of samples submitted for the confirmed Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2.

71. PhonePe has launched India's first COVID-19 hospitalization insurance policy called Corona Care in collaboration with _____

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- (b) Aegon Life insurance
- (c) Bharti AXA Life insurance
- (d) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance
- (e) Birla Sun Life insurance

Answer: A

Digital payments company PhonePe has announced an insurance policy called Corona Care in collaboration with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance for people who have been infected and hospitalised for covid-19 treatment.

Priced at ₹156, the policy will provide an insurance cover of ₹50,000 for people who are under 55 years of age and will be valid at any hospital that is offering treatment for covid-19.

The insured person will be eligible for the claim only if he/she is diagnosed with COVID-19 after 15 days from the date of purchase of this insurance.

The policy will be valid at any hospital that is offering treatment for covid-19.

It will also cover 30 days of expenses on pre-hospitalization and post-care medical treatment.

72. In April 2021, Mexico has granted the authorization for the emergency use of India's first domestically-produced COVID-19 vaccine, named _____.

- (a) AstraZeneca

- (b) Pfizer
- (c) CoWin
- (d) Covaxin
- (e) Cansino

Answer: D

Bharat Biotech's Covaxin is the sixth Covid-19 vaccine that has been greenlighted for emergency use in Mexico after Russia's Sputnik V, the Pfizer & BioNTech vaccine, AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine, Sinovac's Coronavac and CanSino's vaccine.

The Mexico Federal Commission for the Protection Against Sanitary Risk (Cofepris) has granted authorization for the emergency use of India's first domestically-produced COVID-19 vaccine, Covaxin.

The Covaxin has been developed by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and is one of the two vaccines currently being employed in India's Covid-19 vaccination drive. The other Covid-19 vaccine that is being used in India is Serum Institute of India's Covishield.

73. The Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India

B P Kanungo has retired recently. He began his term as a deputy governor in which year?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

Answer: C

The senior-most deputy governor BP Kanungo retired from the Reserve Bank on completion of his one-year extension.

Kanungo joined the RBI in 1982 and was in charge of currency management, external investments, operations, payment, and settlement system, among others, during the four-year term as the deputy governor, which began in April 2017.

74. The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure

Investment Bank have approved a loan for USD 300 million for the canal-based drinking water projects in which among the following state?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Rajasthan

Answer: B

The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) have approved a loan for USD 300 million (about Rs 2,190 crore) for the canal-based drinking water projects in districts of Amritsar and Ludhiana in Punjab.

The project will ensure quality drinking water 24x7 and minimize the water losses for holy city Amritsar and industrial hub Ludhiana.

The entire project will be co-financed by IBRD (World Bank) – USD 105 million, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank – USD 105 million and the Punjab government – USD 90 million.

In the Amritsar project, the source of surface water supply is Upper Bari Doab Canal and a 440 MLD (million litres per day) water treatment plant will be constructed in village Vallah, Amritsar for treating the surface water.

75. Recently, Prakash Javadekar has announced the recipient of the 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award. How many members are in the jury to select the awardee for 2019?

- (a) 5
- (b) 7
- (c) 6
- (d) 8
- (e) 4

Answer: A

Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar has announced the recipient of the 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award.

The award for 2019 will be conferred to legendary actor Shri Rajinikanth.

It will be presented on 3rd May, along with the National Film Awards. Announcing the award in New Delhi, the Minister said that the choice was unanimously made by the members of the Jury, which the Government accepted.

The jury consisted of five members.

- Ms Asha Bhosle
- Shri Mohanlal
- Shri Biswajit Chatterjee
- Shri Shankar Mahadevan

- Shri Subhash Ghai

76. Dr Sharankumar Limbale has received the Saraswati Samman, 2020 award for his book named _____.

- (a) Punha Akkarmashi
- (b) Ooriki Dakshina
- (c) Akkarmashi
- (d) Zund
- (e) Sanatan

Answer: E

Noted Marathi writer Dr Sharankumar Limbale will receive Saraswati Samman, 2020 for his book Sanatan.

The award carries fifteen lakh rupees, a citation and a plaque.

Saraswati Samman, instituted by KK Birla Foundation in 1991, is recognised as the most prestigious and highest literary award in the country in any of the 22 languages of India listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India.

77. NCML has signed a pact with Agriculture Skill Council of India for skill development in the agriculture sector. The organisation will recognise about 920 people in the country across how many cities?

- (a) 20
- (b) 13
- (c) 19
- (d) 11

(e)17

Answer: C

National Collateral Management Limited (NCML) has signed an agreement with the Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) to provide skill training in the agriculture sector.

As per the agreement, the process involves three parts -- training courses, prior learning and special projects.

NCML will recognise prior learning for about 8-9 different skills which are matching the qualification pact of ASCI and will recognise about 920 people in the country across 19 cities of India.

The prime objective of this collaboration would be to provide practical professional skill training and recognition of prior learning as per PradhanMantriKaushalVikasYojana (PMKVY).

78. The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank have approved a loan for USD 300 million for which of the following projects in Punjab?

- (a) Solar Pumps
- (b) Education
- (c) Water facility
- (d) Health service
- (e) Industrial Project

Answer: C

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The entire project will be co-financed by IBRD (World Bank) – USD 105 million, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank – USD 105 million and the Punjab government – USD 90 million, according to an official spokesperson.

In the Amritsar project, the source of surface water supply is Upper Bari Doab Canal and a 440 MLD (million litres per day) water treatment plant will be constructed in village Vallah, Amritsar for treating the surface water.

79. FMO development bank would invest \$137 mn in India's Green Growth Equity Fund (GGEF). FMO is the international development bank of

- (a) Japan
- (b) Netherlands
- (c) France
- (d) USA
- (e) UK

Answer: B

The Dutch development bank FMO Netherlands has approved an investment of \$137 million in Green Growth Equity Fund (GGEF), managed by EverSource Capital and anchored by the governments of India and the United Kingdom.

GGEF targets raising equity capital up to \$940 million for India's green infrastructure sectors such as renewable energy, transport, resource efficiency and energy services.

This aims to promote private and public sector investment in India's green infrastructure sector, in line with Sustainable Development Goals.

80. On April 4, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare addressed the 40th anniversary of AGE-CARE India. AGE-CARE India was founded in which year?

- (a) 1978
- (b) 1966
- (c) 1971
- (d) 1963
- (e) 1981

Answer: A

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare addressed the 40th anniversary of AGE-CARE India and the Elders Day celebrations at the India International Centre on April 4.

The Minister encouraged people to endeavour towards creating a “New India” based on such values and noted that organizations like AGE-CARE India can play a big role in such an endeavour. He conferred the “Most Eminent Senior Citizen” award to Prof. (Dr.) J. S. Guleria, Padma Shree Awardee and Senior Consultant, Medicine at Sita Ram Bhartia Institute & Professor Emeritus, National Science Academy and to Dr. G. P. Seth, Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine.

Age-Care India is a Premier National Voluntary Organization for the Welfare of the Aged People in the country. It was founded in 1978 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

81. JehWadia has recently stepped down as the managing director of Bombay Dyeing and

Manufacturing Company. Bombay Dyeing is a part of which among the following company group?

- (a) Piramal
- (b) Reliance
- (c) Wadia
- (d) Tata
- (e) None

Answer: C

JehWadia has stepped down as the managing director of Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company, the flagship firm of Wadia Group confirmed.

In a regulatory filing, the company said that Jeh, son of industrialist NusliWadia, would not be renewing his contract as the managing director that expired on March 31, 2021.

The development also comes just a week after he stepped down from the leadership role at GoAir. Wadia's stint as MD of Bombay Dyeing stretched for nearly a decade.

He was first appointed to the post in March 2011.

82. Who among the following has been appointed as Executive Director of Piramal Enterprises Ltd?

- (a) KhushruJijina
- (b) JehWadia
- (c) Subhash Kumar
- (d) SurajMoraje
- (e) AmitBansal

Answer: A

Piramal Enterprises Ltd has appointed KhushruJijina to its board as Executive Director, Financial Services.

KhushruJijina, Managing Director, Piramal Capital, will join the Board of Piramal Enterprises Limited as Executive Director, Financial Services.

Jijina joined the Piramal Group in 2001, and has been instrumental in setting up the Group's Financial Services business.

83. MallikaSrinivasan has been named as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board according to an order issued by the Personnel Ministry. She is presently serving as the Managing Director of which among the following?

- (a) Infosys Ltd
- (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd
- (c) Hindustan Unilever Ltd
- (d) Mahendra and Mahendra Ltd
- (e) Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd

Answer: E

MallikaSrinivasan, Chairman and Managing Director of Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Limited has been appointed as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), an order issued by the personnel ministry .

This is for the first time that a private sector specialist has been appointed as the head of the PESB, responsible for appointment of top management posts in the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), officials said.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Srinivasan as the chairperson of PESB for a period of three years from the date of assumption of charge, or until the attainment of the age of 65 years.

84. In April 2021, Subhash Kumar took over as an additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of which of the following?

- (a) Indian Oil Corporation
- (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- (c) Hindustan Unilever Limited
- (d) State Bank of India
- (e) HDFC

Answer: B

Subhash Kumar has assumed the additional charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited on 1 April 2021 at New Delhi vide order dated 30 March 2021 issued by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

Mr Kumar assumed the said charge consequent upon the superannuation of MrShashiShanker on 31 March 2021.

Mr Kumar is an industry veteran with over 36 years of experience in diverse activities across the Exploration & Production (E&P) value chain. He joined ONGC in 1985 as a Finance and Accounts Officer and served in different capacities.

After growing up along the hierarchy in ONGC, he had a long stint at ONGC Videsh, the overseas arm of ONGC.

85. How many awards have been won by Telangana in the National Panchayat Awards 2021 (Appraisal year 2019-20) announced by the Union Panchayat Raj Ministry?

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 20
- (d) 18
- (e) 8

Answer: B

Telangana had a rich haul of 12 awards in the National Panchayat Awards 2021 (Appraisal year 2019-20) announced by the Union Panchayat Raj Ministry.

As many as nine Gram Panchayats, two Mandalparishads and one ZillaParishad have bagged awards in different categories in the DeendayalUpadhyayPanchayatSashaktikaranPuraskar 2021.

MedakZillaParishad bagged the award in the general category and two mandalparishads – Jagityal and Peddapalli – won the awards in the general category.

Here is the list of awards won by Telangana:

- Parlapally gram panchayat of Thimmapurmandal in Karimnagar district won the award in the Marginalised Section Improvement theme,

- Haridas Nagar gram panchayat of Yellareddipet, RajannaSircilla won the award in National Resources Management,
- Mittapalle gram panchayat of Siddipet urban, Siddipet won the award in Sanitation category,
- Malyal gram panchayat of Narasaraopetmandal,
- Siddipet won the award in Sanitation theme,
- Ruyyadi of Talamadugumandal, Adilabad district bagged the award in Sanitation theme,
- Chakrapur gram panchayat of Moosapetmandal, Mahabubnagar district won the award in General category,
- Sundilla gram panchayat of Ramagirimandal, Peddapalli district won the NanajiDeshmukhRashtriyaGaurav Gram Puraskar,
- Mohinikunta gram panchayat of Mustabadmandal, RajannaSircilla won the award under Child Friendly Gram Panchayat and
- Sundilla gram panchayat of Ramagirimandal, Peddapalli district bagged the award under Gram Panchayat Development Plan.

All these awards were possible due the Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao's brain child "PallePragathi" programme, said Panchayat Raj Minister E Dayakar Rao.

86. Adani Transmission Limited has signed an agreement with Essel Infra Projects Limited to acquire Warora-Kurnool Transmission Limited for an enterprise value of Rs_____.

- (a) 4850 crores
- (b) 3370 crores

- (c) 12350 crores
- (d) 5650 crores
- (e) 3600 crores

Answer: B

Adani Transmission Limited (ATL) signed a definitive agreement with Essel Infra Projects Limited (EIL) to acquire Warora-Kurnool Transmission Limited (WKTL) for an enterprise value of Rs 3,370 crore.

The transaction has been signed on a build, own, operate, and maintain basis, and the project has a concession life of 35 years.

The cumulative network of ATL will reach 17,200 circuit kilometre of which 12,350 cktkms network is already operational and 4,850 cktkms (including this asset) is in various stages of execution.

This asset will also take it closer to its target of 20,000 circuit km of transmission lines by 2022.

87. The Ministry of Jal Shakti deployed sensor-based IoT devices to monitor rural drinking water supply systems. Jal Jeevan Mission has been implemented to provide tap water connection to every rural households by which year?

- (a) 2023
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2028
- (d) 2024
- (e) 2026

Answer: D

The Jal Shakti Ministry has decided to use sensor-based Internet of Things devices to effectively monitor the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in more than six lakh villages.

The National Jal Jeevan Mission in collaboration with Tata Community Initiatives Trust and Tata Trusts recently completed pilot projects in several remote villages of Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh.

The Jal Jeevan Mission, a flagship programme of the Centre, is being implemented in partnership with states and union territories to provide tap water connection to every rural household by 2024.

88. Which among the following company has won Rs 1,169.10 crore highway project in Odisha from the National Highway Authority of India?

- (a) IRB Infrastructure Developers
- (b) JMC Projects
- (c) Tata Projects
- (d) Adani Road Transport Ltd
- (e) L&T Construction Ltd

Answer: D

Adani Enterprises' wholly-owned subsidiary Adani Road Transport Ltd (ARTL) has won a Rs 1,169.10 crore highway project in Odisha from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

With this project award, Adani Group will have a total of ten NHAI road projects under HAM (hybrid annuity model), Toll-Operate-Transfer (TOT) and Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Toll basis in

Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, West Bengal and Odisha.

ARTL has received a letter of award (LOA) for development of Six Lane BadaKumari - Karki Section of NH-130-CD Road under Raipur-Visakhapatnam Economic Corridor in the State of Odisha on HAM (hybrid annuity model)," the company said in a regulatory filing.

89. ARIES have developed a New Novel Technique called CIISCO to detect and track the accelerating solar eruption in the lower corona. What does second 'I' mean in CIISCO?

- (a) Indian
- (b) Involve
- (c) Impact
- (d) Inner
- (e) None of these

Answer: D

Solar Physicists of ARIES have developed a New Novel Technique called CMEs Identification in Inner Solar Corona (CIISCO) to detect and track the accelerating solar eruption in the lower corona.

The research led by Mr. Ritesh Patel, Dr. Vaibhav Pant and Prof. Dipankar Banerjee from ARIES, Nainital, an autonomous institute under DST, Government of India, along with their collaborators from Royal Observatory of Belgium have led to the development of an algorithm. This research has been published in the Solar Physics journal.

It will be used in India's first solar mission, Aditya-L1, launched in 2022.

Aditya-L1 being built in collaboration between the ISRO & Various Research Institutes.

Aditya-L1, will be observing this region of the solar corona. After the launch of Aditya-L1, implementation of CIISCO on the Aditya-L1 data will provide new insight into the CME properties in this less explored region.

90. Vice President Vekaiah Naidu has recently released the book titled "Agriculture in India: Contemporary challenges in the context of doubling farmers' income". The book has written by whom among the following?

- (a) Khushwant Singh
- (b) Mohan Kanda
- (c) ArunKatyayan
- (d) M.S Rathore
- (e) Nem Raj Sunda

Answer: B

Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu has released the book titled 'Agriculture in India: Contemporary challenges in the context of doubling farmers' income

The book was authored by former AP Chief Secretary Dr Mohan Kanda.

The book is Published by BSP Books Private Limited.

The book highlights synthesis of the challenges concerning agricultural research, development, policy and programmes.

91. The 2020 Copa del Rey final was recently held in Spain on April 3. Copa del Rey is related to which among the following game?

- (a) Chess
- (b) Table Tennis
- (c) Polo
- (d) Football
- (e) Badminton

Answer: D

The 2020 Copa del Rey Final was a football match that decided the winner of the 2019–20 Copa del Rey, the 118th edition of Spain's primary football cup (including two seasons where two rival editions were played).

The match was played at the Estadio de La Cartuja in Seville between Athletic Bilbao and Real Sociedad, the first Basque derby final.

Real Sociedad beat local rivals Athletic Bilbao 1-0 in the rescheduled 2020 Copa del Rey final to get their hands on a major trophy for the first time since 1987.

The match was postponed by a year at the request of both clubs to ensure fans could attend, meaning Athletic surrendered a potential Europa League berth.

92. The 2023 Women's World Cup of football will be spread across 9 cities in Australia and New Zealand. The World Cup will feature how many teams for the first time?

- (a) 24
- (b) 28

(c) 30

(d) 32

(e) 36

Answer: D

The 2023 Women's World Cup of football will be spread across nine cities in Australia and New Zealand.

The opening match will be held at Eden Park in Auckland, with Sydney's Stadium Australia hosting the final.

It will be the first-of-a-kind World Cup, co-hosted by members of different confederations.

Australia joined the Asian confederation after qualifying for the 2006 men's World Cup, leaving New Zealand as the largest member of the Oceania confederation.

This World Cup will also be the first to feature 32 teams, up from the 24 that participated in the 2019 women's tournament in France.

Hosting Cities :

1. Adelaide
2. Brisbane
3. Melbourne
4. Perth
5. Sydney
6. Auckland
7. Dunedin
8. Hamilton
9. Wellington

93. Name the Indian Women discus thrower who booked for the Tokyo Olympic Games after she sent the discus to 65.06 meters in her first throw.

- (a) EktaBhyan
- (b) harwantKaur
- (c) KamalpreetKaur
- (d) Krishna Poonia
- (e) NavjeetDhillon

Answer: C

An Indian Women discus thrower KamalpreetKaur booked for the Tokyo Olympic Games after she sent the discus to 65.06 metres in her first and only legal throw at the 24th Federation Cup Senior Athletics Championships held in Patiala.

Kamalpreet set a new national record and breached the Olympic qualification mark of 63.50m in the process.

Kaur is the first Indian woman to have breached the 65m mark.

94. The center has announced April 14 as a Public holiday for all on account of the _____ birth Anniversary of BR Ambedkar.

- (a) 120th
- (b) 130th
- (c) 110th
- (d) 100th
- (e) 150th

Answer: B

The central government has declared a public holiday on April 14, 2021 to commemorate Dr. BR Ambedkar's 130th birth anniversary.

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions issued a notification on April 1, 2021 declaring that April 14 will be a public holiday for all central government offices including industrial establishments.

The public holiday has been declared by invoking powers under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

BabasahebBhimRaoAmbedkar, a renowned social reformer and a Dalit leader, was born on April 14, 1891. He died on December 6, 1956.

He was posthumously honoured with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour in 1990.

95. The “International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action” has observed every year on April 4. The day was first observed in which year?

- (a) 2007
- (b) 2005
- (c) 2008
- (d) 2006
- (e) 2009

Answer :D

On 8 December 2005, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly declared that April 4 of each year would be officially proclaimed and observed as International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

It was first observed on April 4, 2006.

The day aims to spread awareness among people regarding the harmful effects of the explosive remnants of war.

This year, the theme of International Mine Awareness Day is Perseverance, Partnership, and Progress.

This year, the UN has laid focus to advance the work so that new partnerships can be formed.

96. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways recently celebrated the 58th National Maritime Day on 5th April. What was the theme of 2021 Maritime day?

- (a) Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19
- (b) Empowering Women in the Maritime Community
- (c) Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet
- (d) Better Shipping for a Better Future
- (e) Connecting Ships, Ports and People

Answer: A

Recently, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways celebrated the 58th National Maritime Day on 5th April.

The day is celebrated every year on 5th April to commemorate the maiden voyage of the first Indian flag merchant vessel 'S.S LOYALTY' from Mumbai to London, on April 5th, 1919.

The theme for 2021 National Maritime day was 'Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19'.

The day aims to encourage the merchant shipping industry of India. Shipping contributes a lot to the country's economy. At present, 90% of India's

international trade in terms of volume and 77% in terms of value is moved by sea.

97. Name the state which is set to become the country's first state to have two green energy efficient towns.

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Goa
- (e) Bihar

Answer: E

Bihar is set to become the country's first state to have two green energy efficient towns in Rajgir and Bodh Gaya.

The towns will start getting solar energy through the first of its kind renewable energy project from 2023. Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a central government PSU has agreed to Bihar's proposal to feed clean power to both the towns.

The project will get started by June 2023.

The excess solar energy generated through the proposed plants will also be used to run the turbines for water supply and other power-driven works.

The effective cost would be off ₹ 4.03 per unit (kWh).

The Centre has also waived off the ₹1 per unit inter-state transmission charges to encourage renewable energy projects commissioned by June 2023.

98. Which among the following state has launched a gift scheme to promote covid vaccination on World Health Day ?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Haryana
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Gujarat

Answer : A

Uttar Pradesh government has launched a unique gift scheme to promote covid vaccination in the state on the World Health Day on 7th April.

The state government will conduct a lucky draw for those who have taken the vaccine.

Additional chief secretary health Amit Mohan Prasad said that in those districts where more than 25,000 beneficiaries have taken both doses of vaccine they will be eligible for this gift scheme.

4 gifts will be given to the beneficiaries after a lucky draw.

Where more than 25,000 or more than 50,000 beneficiaries have taken both the doses of vaccines, the number of gifts will be increased to 6 and 8.

99. The new freshwater fish species at Amboli in Western ghats has been declared as the 5th biological heritage site of which state under the Biological Diversity Act 2002?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Telangana

(d) Tamil Nadu

(e) Gujarat

Answer : B

The Maharashtra government has declared an area at Amboli in Western ghats in Sindhudurg district as a biodiversity heritage site, following the discovery of a rare freshwater fish species.

The new freshwater fish species called 'Schistura Hiranyakeshi' was discovered in a pond at the Mahadev Temple at Amboli in Sawantwadi tehsil of Sindhudurg district by Tejas Thackeray (son of Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray), along with his team.

The discovery of the freshwater fish species was published in aqua the International Journal of Ichthyology in the October 2020 edition by Tejas Thackeray and co-authors.

The state government issued a notification to convert the area at Amboli into a protected biodiversity heritage site under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

The 2.11 hectare area has been declared as 'Shistura Hiranyakeshi Biological Heritage Site', under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, making it the fifth area in Maharashtra.

The heritage site has a temple of goddess Parvati, which is the point from where the river Hiranyakeshi originates.

100. Which state cabinet has approved the scheme that allows women to travel free of cost on all government buses from April 1, 2021?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer: B

From April, women in Punjab can travel free of cost on all government buses within the state.

The scheme was announced by the chief minister Captain Amarinder Singh in the state legislative assembly on March 5, with the aim to empower women in the state.

On March 31, the state cabinet formally approved the scheme.

Over 1.31 crore women across the state will be the beneficiaries of the scheme.

They will now be able to travel free of cost in public buses, including Punjab Roadways Transport Corporation, Punjab Roadways Buses and city buses run by local bodies.

101. Google has joined hands with Facebook to launch undersea internet cables provide vital new connections between the Asia-Pacific region and North America. Name the cable which has an investment from Google.

- (a) Bifrost
- (b) Echo
- (c) Boom
- (d) Repeat
- (e) Excel

Answer: B

Technology giant Facebook and Google have planned to lay two huge subsea cables, called Echo and Bifrost, to provide vital new connections between the Asia-Pacific region and North America. The Echo and Bifrost trans-Pacific cables will link the U.S. West Coast to Singapore and Indonesia, and increase the data capacity between the regions by 70% and improve internet reliability.

Facebook will be investing in both cables, but Google will invest only in Echo.

The Echo project is to be completed by late 2023, while Bifrost is set to be finished by late 2024.

102. In April 2021, Shivashankarappa S Sahukar was appointed as the chairman of which state's Public Service Commission under Article 316(1) of the constitution of India?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Uttarakhand

Answer: A

Shivashankarappa S Sahukar, Member, Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC), has been appointed as the chairman of KPSC, with immediate effect.

He will replace former IAS officer Shadakshari Swamy.

Shivashankarappa joined KPSC as a member on September 3, 2019.

KPSC conducts various competitive examinations, including Karnataka Administrative Services exams.

103) Name the book penned by Nitin Gokhale as a tribute to India's former defence Minister and 4 time CM of Goa, which is published by Bloomsbury?

- (a) An extraordinary life: Manohar Parrikar
- (b) Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life
- (c) Manohar Parrikar: Off the Record
- (d) The Man, The Politician, The Patriot
- (e) None of these

Answer : B

A new book titled 'Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life' authored by Nitin Gokhale was released. The book is published by Bloomsbury.

It is an attempt to capture Parrikar's persona — the man, the politician and the patriot.

The book is a tribute to Parrikar, India's former defence minister and four-time chief minister of Goa, the first IIT-ian to become a chief minister.

Gokhale is a renowned author, media trainer and founder of a specialised defence related website BharatShakti.in. and StratNewsGlobal.com.

104. Recently Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released the translated version of the book "Echo T Calling: Towards People-Centric Governance" titled 'Suparipalana'. The book is translated into which language?

- (a) Bengali
- (b) Malayalam
- (c) Telugu
- (d) Sanskrit
- (e) Gujarati

(d) Sanskrit

(e) Gujarati

Answer : C

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has released a book 'Suparipalana' by retired civil servant Dr Shailendra Joshi.

The book 'Suparipalana' is the Telugu translation of "Echo T Calling: Towards People-Centric Governance", written by former Telangana Chief Secretary, Shri S K Joshi.

The translator of the book is

Shri Annavarapu Brahmaiah and the publisher is Shri Maruthi.

The book is all about administration, public policy, and Governance in India and covers a wide range of topics.

105) On March 30 & 31, 2021, Anian Midhun of Kerala has won the gold medal at South Asian Wushu Championship 2021. The Championship was held in _____.

- A) Thailand
- B) China
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Bhutan
- E) Nepal

Answer : E

Anian Midhun of Nattika won the gold at the South Asian Wushu Championship that concluded in Nepal on March 31.

The 28-year-old youth represented the country in the 70-kg category in the championship.

He is the first Wushu player from southern India to reach the Indian team.

Midhun is a black belt in karate and he is also a national champion in wushu as well as kickboxing.

106. In April 2021, The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) estimated the GDP growth rate of India at 7% in 2021-22. Where is the headquarters of UNESCAP located?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Switzerland
- (c) USA
- (d) China
- (e) None of these

Answer : A

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) has estimated the GDP growth rate of India at 7% in 2021-22, in its latest report titled Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2021.

For the previous fiscal 2020-21, UNESCAP estimated a contraction of 7.7% for India on account of the pandemic's impact on normal business activity. Established in 1947 with its headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand, UNESCAP serves as the highest intergovernmental regional platform to promote cooperation among member States.

107. On April 2, Nobel Laureate Isamu Akasaki has passed away recently. He hailed from which among the following country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) China
- (c) South Korea
- (d) UAE
- (e) Bangladesh

Answer : A

On April 02, 2021, Japanese physicist Isamu Akasaki passed away.

He was a co-winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize in physics for inventing the world's first efficient blue light-emitting diodes.

In 2014, he shared the Nobel Prize with Japanese physicist Hiroshi Amano, professor at the university, and Japanese-born American Shuji Nakamura, professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

In 1997, Akasaki was honored by the Japanese government with the Medal with Purple Ribbon, an honor bestowed on those who have made contributions to academic and artistic developments.

108. Gujarat MLA Digvijaysinh Zala passed away recently. He was the first _____ Minister of the country from 1982 to 1984.

- (a) Law
- (b) Environment
- (c) Shipping
- (d) Railway
- (e) Agriculture

Answer : B

Former Union environment minister and the maharaja of the former princely state of Wankaner,

Digvijaysinh Zala, passed away at the age of 88 following a brief period of illness.

He served as the first environment minister of the country from 1982-84 in the cabinet of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and oversaw the creation of a number of national parks and sanctuaries in the country during his tenure.

Jhala is also credited for persuading the Indian Railways to switch over from wooden sleepers to RCC, and thus controlling tree felling.

109. From April 1, 2021, NPCI has transferred all its Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) transaction business to NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited. BBPS was set up as an interoperable bill payment platform in which year?

- (a) 2008
- (b) 2011
- (c) 2013
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2018

Answer : C

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has transferred all its Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) transaction business to NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NPCI.

All licensed bill processors on the Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units (BBPOU), i.e. the banks and payment aggregators, have been directed to start accounting their billing transactions under NBBL from April 1 2021.

BBPS is an interoperable bill payments platform set up in 2013, for use by banks, fintech companies and biller merchants to automate bill collection and request solutions.

110. The Sankalp Se Siddhi” – Village and Digital Connect Drive, was recently launched by TRIFED. The drive will cover 1500 villages in the country within a period of _____ days.

- (a) 120
- (b) 180
- (c) 100
- (d) 80
- (e) 60

Answer: C

TRIFED under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has now launched “Sankalp se Siddhi” – Village and Digital Connect Drive.

It is a 100 day drive which started on April 1.

The main aim of this drive is to activate the Van DhanVikasKendras in these villages.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs in a statement said that 100 villages in each region and 1500 villages in the country will be covered in the next 100 days.

The drive will entail 150 teams visiting ten villages each of which 10 in each region from TRIFED and State Implementation Agencies, visiting ten villages each.

The visiting teams will also identify locations and shortlist potential Van DhanVikasKendras for clustering as TRIFOOD, and Scheme of Fund for

Regeneration of Traditional Industries- SFURTI units as larger enterprises.

111. The five-day-long Tulip Festival in Asia's largest tulip garden has begun in Which among the following places?

- a) Taeon, South Korea
- b) Srinagar, India
- c) Tonami, Japan
- d) Istanbul, Turkey
- e) Beijing, China

Answer: B

In the Kashmir Valley, five-day Tulip Festival in Srinagar was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor ManojSinha.

Over 15 lakh flowers of more than 64 varieties are in full bloom on the foothills of Zabarwan Mountains.

The five-day-long Tulip Festival in Asia's largest tulip garden at the foothills of Zabarwan hills on the banks of world famous Dal Lake in Srinagar has begun.

112. India's biggest floating solar power plant with a capacity of 100 MW would be set up in Telangana. What is the estimated cost of the project?

- (a) 300 crores
- (b) 423 crores
- (c) 568 crores
- (d) 650 crores
- (e) 725 crores

Answer: B

India's biggest floating solar power plant with a capacity of 100 MW will be set up at Ramagundam in Telangana.

The project, expected to be opened in May, is being set up at Ramagundam thermal power plant reservoir.

The solar project is commissioned by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).

The project, which is estimated to cost around 423 crore rupees, will have 4.5 lakh photovoltaic panels.

The world's largest solar power plant with 600 MW capacities is being set up on Omkareshwar Dam on Narmada River in Madhya Pradesh.

The project costing 3,000 crore rupees is expected to start power generation only by 2022-23.

113. 5th Apr 2021 marked the 114th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter and Dalit Icon, who was the defence Minister of India during the India-Pakistan war of 1971. Name the person.

- (a) Sumit Deb
- (b) RavinderBhakar
- (c) PareshRawal
- (d) Jagjivan Ram
- (e) P C Kandpal

Answer: D

5th Apr 2021 marked the 114th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter and Dalit Icon, Jagjivan Ram.

BabuJagjivan Ram holds a world record of being a parliamentarian for 50 years between 1936 and 1986.

He was the defence minister of India during the India-Pakistan war of 1971.

BabuJagjivan Ram was also the deputy prime minister of the country between 1977 and 1979

During India's Independence movement, BabuJagjivan Ram founded the All-India Depressed Classes League in 1935 that worked towards equality for the 'untouchables'.

114. The Ministry of AYUSH in collaboration with VSP, an NGO, has organized a 3- day 'Ayurveda Parv' in which of the following places?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Kolkata
- (e) Bhubaneswar

Answer: E

To promote Ayurveda as the mainstream treatment for the existing lifestyle-related diseases, VinobaSevaPratisthan (VSP) and the Ministry of Ayush have successfully collaborated to organize a 3-day "Ayurveda Paravin Bhubaneswar" from 26th to 28th March 2021.

It is a unique initiative to get great acceptance from the masses and popularize Ayurveda among the mainline of treatments for prevalent lifestyle diseases.

This programme got full-fledged support from the Ministry of Ayush. During this parv, around 25 research papers were presented by researchers and experts.

The initiative received great response as thousands of patients participated and showed their trust for Ayurveda medication.

115. The Finance Ministry has released an amount of 4,608 crores to the States for providing grant-in-aid to the local bodies. What was the last year's grant?

- (a) 87,460 crores
- (b) 60,750 crores
- (c) 26,710 crores
- (d) 95,150 crores
- (e) 58,970 crores

Answer: A

The Finance Ministry has released an amount of 4 thousand 608 crore rupees to the States for providing grant-in-aid to the local bodies.

The grants are both for the Rural Local Bodies and Urban Local Bodies. The grants have been released as per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission.

In the last financial year, Centre released a sum of 87 thousand 460 crore rupees to 28 States as local body grants.

Out of the total amount 60 thousand 750 crore rupees have been released for Rural Local Bodies while the remaining 26 thousand 710 crore rupees have been released for Urban Local Bodies.

116. Which country's Foreign Minister was on a two day visit to India on April 5 to discuss aspects of bilateral ties?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Afghanistan
- (c) USA
- (d) UK
- (e) Russia

Answer: E

Russian Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov was on a two-day visit to India on April 5.

The heads of the foreign affairs agencies will discuss the current state of bilateral relations, the preparation of the upcoming high-level meeting this year, including cooperation in the fight against the pandemic, will consider key topics on the regional, global agenda, assess approaches to the interaction between Russia and India on the international arena, including at the UN, BRICS.

After India, Lavrov will visit Pakistan from April 6-7.

117. How many extra Rafale jets are scheduled to be ferried to by the end of April 2021?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 6

Answer: D

Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India on April 6, said that five extra Rafale jets will be ferried to India by the end of April.

This would be other than three Rafale which are arriving on April 7.

Right now 21 Rafales have been delivered to India, 11 already ferried to India, three are right now being ferried and 5 extra will be ferried by the end of April, French Envoy to India said.

He added, "Total in 2022, the 36 aircraft will have been delivered as per contract."

With this new arrival of the three jets, the total Rafale fleet with Indian Air Force has increased to 14.

118. The Pakistan Air Force has successfully commenced the two-week long multinational air exercise 'Aces Meet 2021-1'. Which among the following countries are participating in the exercise?

- (a) Jordan & Bahrain
- (b) Jordan & USA
- (c) Saudi Arabia & USA
- (d) Bahrain & Saudi Arabia
- (e) Egypt & USA

Answer: C

The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) has successfully commenced the multinational air exercise Aces Meet 2021-1 at PAF base Mushaf.

The two-week long exercise saw active participation from the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF).

ACES MEET 2021-1 included multiple missions across the airpower spectrum and offered near-realistic and role-oriented training to participating members even during the challenging situations due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Members of PAK, RSAF and USAF special forces performed several Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) missions during the exercise.

According to a statement posted on Radio Pakistan, Bahrain, Egypt and Jordan air forces acted as observers for the drill.

119. Veteran actress Shashikala Om PrakashSaigal has passed away recently. She was conferred with the Prestigious Padma Shri in which year?

- (a)2009
- (b)2007
- (c)2008
- (d)2005
- (e)2011

Answer: B

Veteran actress Shashikala Om PrakashSaigal (née Jawalkar) passed away.

She made her first big-screen appearance in the 1945 movie "Zeenat", directed by legendary actor Noor Jehan's husband Syed ShaukatHussainRizvi.

Shashikala was conferred with the Prestigious Padma Shri, the country's fourth-highest civilian award in the year 2007 for her contribution to the Indian cinema.

In 2009, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the V Shantaram Awards.

Shashikala received eight nominations for the Filmfare Best Supporting Actress Award and won the award twice for 1962 film 'Aarti' and 1963 'Gumrah'.

120. On 5 April every year, International Day of Conscience has been observed by the United Nations General Assembly. It was established in which year?

- (a)2015
- (b)2016
- (c)2017
- (d)2019
- (e)2018

Answer: D

The International Day of Conscience is a global day of awareness celebrated on April 5, commemorating the importance of the human conscience.

It was established by the United Nations General Assembly on July 25, 2019, with the adoption of UN resolution 73/329.

The first International Day of Conscience was celebrated on April 5, 2020.

The theme of the 2021 International Day of Conscience is, "Promoting a Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience".

121. International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is observed every year on April 6. The day was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in which year?

- (a) 2011
- (b)2012
- (c) 2013
- (d) 2014
- (e) 2015

Answer: C

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is an annual celebration of the power of sport to drive social change, community development and to foster peace and understanding.

6 April was declared as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 2013, and has been celebrated each year since 2014.

Year 2021 marks the celebration of the 8th edition of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.

The theme of 2021 IDSDP is focussed on - recovery from the pandemic and the importance of equity in recovery.

122. World Health Day 2021 is observed every year on April 7. It was commenced at first Health Assembly in which year?

- (a) 1956
- (b) 1952
- (c) 1946
- (d) 1950
- (e) 1948

Answer: E

The World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on 7 April, under the sponsorship of the World Health Organization, as well as other related organizations.

The theme for World Health Day 2021 is 'Building a fairer, healthier world'.

From its inception at the First Health Assembly in 1948 and since taking effect in 1950, the celebration has aimed to create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a priority area of concern for the World Health Organization.

The celebration is marked by activities which extend beyond the day itself and serves as an opportunity to focus worldwide attention on these important aspects of global health.

123. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has urged private TV channels to generate greater awareness on the message of DawaiBhiKadaiBhiby. Who among the following is the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting?

- (a) Dhotre Sanjay Shamrao
- (b) Prakash Javadekar
- (c) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- (d) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- (e) Anurag Singh Thakur

Answer: B

Prakash Javadekar is the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has urged private TV channels to generate greater awareness on the message of DawaiBhiKadaiBhiby disseminating messages for COVID-appropriate behavior and vaccination of eligible persons. It has reiterated the leadership role played by the TV channels in spreading messages in the public interest.

The advisory also cited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting to review the emerging situation, where it was decided to focus on a five-fold strategy of Testing, Tracing, Treatment, COVID appropriate behavior and Vaccination.

124. Indian Railways has completed the construction of the arch of the world's highest railway bridge in J&K. What is the length of the bridge?

- (a) 2 km
- (b) 1.5 km
- (c) 2.5 km
- (d) 1.3 km
- (e) 2.3 km

Answer: D

The construction of the arch of the world's highest railway bridge above the bed of the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir was completed on April 5.

The 1.3-kilometer-long-bridge aims to boost connectivity to the Kashmir Valley. It is being constructed at a cost of Rs 1,486 crore as part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Link (USBRL) project. The bridge that soars 359 meters above Chenab river, is 35-meter higher than the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The Railway Ministry said the 5.6-meter last piece of metal (closure segment) was fitted at the highest point of the arch on April 5. It joined the two arms of the arch that currently stretch towards each other from both banks of the Chenab.

125. Which among the following country has become the first country in the world to register the coronavirus vaccine for animals?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Germany
- (c) New Zealand
- (d) UK
- (e) USA

Answer: A

Russia has become the first country in the world to register the coronavirus vaccine for animals.

The vaccine, called 'Carnivac-Cov', would be able to protect vulnerable species and thwart viral mutations.

Carnivac-Cov is the world's first & the only anti-#COVID_19 vaccine for animals.

126. The Rajasthan government has launched a cashless medical insurance scheme titled "Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana". The state has become the first state in the country, where each family will get health insurance of Rs _____ each year.

- (a) 1 Lakh
- (b) 2 lakh
- (c) 3 Lakh
- (d) 5 lakh
- (e) 2.5 Lakh

Answer: D

The state government of Rajasthan has launched a cashless medical insurance scheme titled "Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana", ai

med at providing medical relief to all residents of the state.

With this, Rajasthan has become the first state in the country, where each family will get health insurance of Rs 5 lakh each year.

The 3,000 crore Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme gives an annual cashless insurance cover of Rs.5 lakh to every family in the state.

127. How many expert committees have been constituted by the government to review the existing rules and regulations on safety, health and working conditions standards?

- (a) 2
- (b) 4
- (c) 3
- (d) 5
- (e) 6

Answer: C

The Central Government has constituted three expert committees to review the existing rules and regulations on safety, health and working conditions standards, pertaining to factories, docks and construction work.

One committee will look into the safety parameters of industries, docks and ports while the other two committees have been asked to study and suggest rules for the building and other construction works and the fire safety.

The recommendations will be part of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, which is one among the four labour codes.

The government has merged 13 existing labour legislations to the safety code, and aims to simplify the laws regulating occupational safety in establishments

128. India has attracted a total FDI inflow of USD _____ billion during April 2020 to January, 2021.

- (a) 72.12 billion
- (b) 85.05 billion
- (c) 65.78 billion
- (d) 80.72 billion
- (e) None of these

Answer: A

India has attracted a total FDI inflow of USD 72.12 billion during April 2020 to January, 2021.

FDI equity inflow grew by 28 per cent in the first ten months of 2020-21 compared to the year ago period.

Singapore is the top investor country with 30.28 per cent of the total FDI Equity inflow followed by the US and UAE for the first ten months of 2020-21.

Japan has been leading the list of investor countries with 29.09 per cent of the total FDI Equity inflows during January this year followed by Singapore and the US.

Computer Software and Hardware has emerged as the top sector during the first ten months of 2020-21.

129. The World Economic Outlook report released by IMF has upgraded the India growth to _____ percentage for the Financial Year 2021-22.

- (a) 13%
- (b) 12.5%
- (c) 13.2%
- (d) 12%
- (e) 11.8%

Answer: B

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has upgraded its growth projection for India to 12.5 per cent for the Financial Year 2021-22.

In its latest World Economic Outlook report, the IMF has pegged India's GDP to grow 1 per cent higher than its previous report published in January this year.

The IMF has also said that inflation will taper down to 9 per cent in the current financial year.

130. Which among the following has projected a 10.5 percent real GDP growth for India in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022?

- (a) ADB
- (b) OECD
- (c) RBI
- (d) S & P Global Ratings
- (e) World Bank

Answer: C

The RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has projected a 10.5 percent real GDP growth for India in the 2021-2022 fiscal.

The RBI has also stated that the repo rate will remain unchanged to support growth amid a fresh wave of COVID-19 cases in India.

Policy Repo Rate -4.00%

Reverse Repo Rate -3.35%

Marginal Standing Facility Rate -4.25%

Bank Rate - 4.25%

131. Name the founder of Samajwadi Party and former Uttar Pradesh minister, who has passed away recently.

- (a) Bhagwati Singh
- (b) Ahmed Patel
- (c) Ajit Singh
- (d) Eknath Gaikwad
- (e) Sundarlal Bahuguna

Answer: A

Founder member of the Samajwadi Party and former UP minister Bhagwati Singh died.

The 89-year-old died at a degree college in Lucknow's Bakshika Talab area where he was staying, family sources said. Being a founder member of the SP, Singh was considered to be close to SP patron Mulayam Singh Yadav. He was a member of parliament of India representing Uttar Pradesh in Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Indian parliament from 2004 to 2010.

132. Which Institute has signed a contract with a hydro power generator in Himachal Pradesh to purchase 2 MW power in order to reduce its carbon footprint?

- (a) Indian Institutes of Technology, Delhi
- (b) Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad

- (c) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore
(d) National Institute of Industrial Engg. (NITIE), Mumbai

(e) Central Institute of Technology, Kokrajhar

Answer: A

The Indian Institute of Technology has become the first Central Government-funded technical Institute to reduce its carbon footprint by more than 50 per cent.

This was made possible by the recent bilateral 2MW power purchase contract made by IIT Delhi with a hydro power generator in Himachal Pradesh.

Open access provisions in the Electricity Act 2003 made it possible to buy power from the generators of their choice through bilateral contracts or energy exchange.

With the addition of 2 MW of hydro power, the institute's power purchase portfolio has 4.7 MW of green power as against the contract demand of around 8.5 MW with the local utility that essentially serves academic and hostel areas.

133. RBI has decided to enhance the aggregate limit of ways and means advances limit for all states and UTs by 46%, which amounts to

Rs_____.

- (a) 32,225 crores
(b) 47,010 crores
(c) 35,010 crores
(d) 45,625 crores
(e) 38,625 crores

Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to enhance the aggregate limit of ways and means advance (WMA) limit for all States and Union Territories to Rs.47,010 crore, which is an increase of 46 per cent from the current limit of 32,225 crore. Under Section 17(5) of RBI Act, 1934, the RBI provides Ways and Means Advances (WMA) to the States banking with it to help them to tide over temporary mismatches in the cash flow of their receipts and payments.

RBI has extended the enhanced interim WMA limit of ₹ 51,560 crores (a 60 per cent increase in the current limits allowed by the Reserve Bank during the last fiscal to help states/UTs to tide over the difficulties faced by them during the pandemic) for a further period of six months i.e., from April 1, 2021, up to September 30, 2021.

134. Which among the following state government has announced COVID-19 vaccine for journalists without any age restrictions?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
(b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Uttarakhand
(d) Madhya Pradesh
(e) Rajasthan

Answer: C

The Uttarakhand government declared journalists as "frontline workers" and announced COVID-19 vaccination for them without any age restrictions. According to a statement issued by the Chief Minister's office, CM Tirath Singh Rawat has

ordered to set up a vaccination centre for journalists in every district in the state.

135. Punjab government has amended the Remission Policy of which year to make remission applicable for prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for more than 10 years?

- (a) 2010
- (b) 2013
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2017

Answer: A

Convicted prisoners in Punjab will now be eligible for remission from time to time, instead of just once, under the amendment to the Remission Policy 2010, approved by the state cabinet.

The cabinet, at a virtual meeting under Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, gave the go-ahead to the amended Remission Policy 2021, which makes remission applicable for prisoners sentenced to imprisonment for more than 10 years, including prisoners sentenced for life, instead of prisoners convicted for 10 to 20 years under the earlier policy.

In another move, the Cabinet has also approved the Annual Administrative Report of the Police Department for the year 2018.

136. The Reserve Bank of India will provide refinance aggregating 50,000 crore to All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs). How much amount

would NABARD get under the refinance arrangement?

- (a) 25000 crore
- (b) 15000 crore
- (c) 10000 crore
- (d) 5000 crore
- (e) 20000 crore

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will provide refinance aggregating 50,000 crore to All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs).

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development will get 25,000 crore, National Housing Bank Rs.10,000 crore, and Small Industries Development Bank of India Rs.15,000 crore.

The measure has been taken by the RBI to meet sectoral credit needs at a time when the institutions are facing difficulty in tapping the market.

Advances under the facility will be charged at the policy repo rate at the time of availment, the central bank said.

137. Australian women cricket team has created the world record for registering with the most consecutive ODI wins. The team has achieved the feat after defeating which team in the match?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) India
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) England
- (e) West Indies

Answer: A

Meg Lanning-led Australian women's cricket team created the world record for registering the most consecutive ODI wins on April 4, 2021.

The team achieved the feat after defeating New Zealand in the first ODI of the three-match series on April 4th at Mount Maunganui.

138. The government has extended the validity of the Standup India scheme for promoting entrepreneurship among women and SC & STs till 2025. The scheme was started in which year?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2017
- (e) 2018

Answer: C

The Finance Ministry said banks have sanctioned Rs 25,586 crore to about 1,14,322 beneficiaries under the Stand Up India Scheme in the last five years for promoting entrepreneurship among women and SC & STs.

Started on April 5, 2016, the scheme has benefited 93,094 women entrepreneurs with outstanding loans of Rs 21,200 crore as of March 23.

This scheme, which has been extended up to 2025, covers SC/ST and/or women entrepreneurs, above 18 years of age, it said.

139. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has recently celebrated the Poshan Pakhwada. The

Abhiyaan was launched by PM Narendra Modi in which year?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

Answer: D

The Ministry of Women and Child Development celebrated the Poshan Pakhwada from 16th to 31st March, 2021.

Addressing nutritional challenges through Food Forestry and organizing Poshan Panchayats are the key focus areas for Poshan Pakhwada 2021.

Poshan Panchayat was organized by involving members of PRIs for generating awareness on topics like malnutrition prevalence and its consequences, Poshan Vatika, food forestry, identification of SAM/MAM children and its management.

Poshan Abhiyaan, launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 8th March 2018, has gone a long way in ensuring wider people's participation.

140. On Apr 3 2021, the Union Health & Family Welfare Minister approved the National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021. The scheme will provide the financial support of upto _____.

- (a) 10 Lakh
- (b) 5 Lakh
- (c) 20 Lakh

(d) 7.5 Lakh

(e) 12 Lakh

Answer: C

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Health & Family Welfare Minister approved the "National Policy for Rare Diseases 2021" on 30th March 2021.

A provision for financial support up to Rs. 20 lakhs under the Umbrella Scheme of

Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi is proposed for treatment of those rare diseases that require a one-time treatment (diseases listed under Group 1 in the rare disease policy).

Beneficiaries for such financial assistance would not be limited to BPL families, but the benefit will be extended to about 40% of the population, who are eligible under Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.

141. Dr. Achyuta Samanta penned a book named 'Neelimarani- My mother, My hero'. Neelimaraniji turned her native village _____ into one of the first smart villages in the country.

(a) Kujamendhi

(b) Kalarabanka

(c) Bhuban

(d) Baleshwar

(e) Jagatsinghpur

Answer: B

The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released the book titled – 'Neelimarani – My Mother, My Hero' in Raj Bhavan, Bhubaneswar.

The book written by Lok Sabha member, Dr. Achyuta Samanta is a biography of his late mother,

Smt. Neelimarani. Commending Shri Samanta for putting down in words the life and struggle of his mother.

The Governor of Odisha, Prof. Ganeshi Lal and Lok Sabha member, Dr. Achyuta Samanta were among those who were present at the event.

He expressed happiness over the fact that with the help of her sons, Smt. Neelimaraniji turned her native village Kalarabanka into one of the first smart villages of its kind in the country.

142. In April 2021, which company has acquired the remaining 25% stakes in Krishnapuram port from Vishwasamudra Holdings for Rs 28,000 cr?

(a) Adani Ports

(b) Gujarat Pipavav

(c) Dredging Corp

(d) Essar Ports

(e) None

Answer: A

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone

Ltd (APSEZ) has acquired the remaining 25 percent stake in Krishnapuram Port Ltd from

Vishwasamudra Holdings, making the port a wholly owned subsidiary of the company.

Post-acquisition of this 25 percent stake for a cash consideration of Rs. 28,000 cr, APSEZ's stake in the port will increase to 100 percent from 25 percent.

Krishnapatnam Port, located in Andhra Pradesh is India's second largest private sector port which has

a strong growth potential with a master plan capacity of 300 MMTPA

143. Who among the following has roped in as the Brand Ambassador of Bengaluru-based non-life insurance company 'Digit Insurance'?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Amitabh Bachchan
- (d) MS Dhoni
- (e) Rajinikanth

Answer: B

Bengaluru-based non-life insurance company 'Digit Insurance' has roped in veteran cricketer Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador.

In January 2021, insurance tech start-up Digit Insurance became India's first unicorn of 2021 with a valuation of \$1.9 billion.

With this association, the company aims to carry the message of 'making insurance simple' through the cricketer.

Digit was able to get the Indian Men's Cricket Team Captain to invest in the company before he planned to become the face for the brand.

144. Socio-technologist DrChintanVaishnav has been appointed as the New mission director of which among the following missions?

- (a) Atal Innovation Mission
- (b) National Solar Mission
- (c) National Rural Health Mission
- (d) SarvaShikshaAbhiyan

(e) National Urban Renewal Mission

Answer: A

Acclaimed socio-technologist DrChintanVaishnav has been appointed as the new Mission Director for Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), a flagship initiative of the Government of India under the auspices of NITI Aayog.

He is taking over the charge from MrRamanathanRamanan, seconded by Tata Consultancy Services to NITI Aayog, who had been leading AIM as its first Mission Director since June 2017.

DrVaishnav is moving from his present assignment at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA, to head AIM.

So far, AIM has established 7259 Atal Tinkering Labs in schools across 650 districts, thereby providing over 3.5 million students access to emerging technologies. It has also operationalized 68 Atal Incubators, fostering over 2000 start-ups—of these, 625 are led by women.

145. The first farm-based solar power plant under the PM KUSUM scheme has come up in which of the following places with the production capacity of 17 Lakh units every year?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Bhubaneswar
- (c) Ahmadabad
- (d) Jaipur
- (e) Bengaluru

Answer:D

The first farm-based solar power plant under the Prime Minister's

KisanUrjaSurakshaEvumUtthanMahabhiyan (KUSUM) scheme has come up in Jaipur district's Kotputli tehsil with a provision for production of 17 lakh units of electricity every year.

The new plant is also the first of the 623 farm-based solar power projects selected by the Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited (RRECL) for generating 722 MW capacity in the State under the scheme's first phase.

146. OsmaniSadriu has been sworn in as the new president of which among the following country?

- (a) Republic of Congo
- (b) Kosovo
- (c) Brunei
- (d) Tajikistan
- (e) Nauru

Answer: B

Lawmakers in Kosovo elected and swore in a new President for a five-year term, the Balkan nation's second female leader in the post-war period.

Ms. Osmani-Sadriu, post-war Kosovo's seventh President and its second female one, had the backing of the left-wing Self-Determination Movement, or Vetevendosje!, which won Kosovo's February 14 early election in a landslide.

The party now holds the three top posts: the President, the Speaker and the Prime Minister.

147. India has contributed \$ 3,00,000 to the United Nations Women agency for gender equality and women empowerment. Who among the following is the Deputy Executive Director of UN Women?

- (a) Anita Bhatia
- (b) Lakshmi Puri
- (c) Akansha Arora
- (d) Usha Rao
- (e) Swati Singh

Answer: A

India has contributed \$300,000 to the United Nations agency for gender equality and women empowerment, a contribution lauded by the UN entity.

Assistant-Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women Anita Bhatia thanked India for the contribution and its support to UN Women.

UN Women, USA is an independent non-profit organization that supports UN Women programs. These projects promote social, political, and economic equality for women and girls spanning 100 countries around the globe.

148. In April 2021, Union Science And Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated an awareness event for a new scheme named 'PRISM' for promoting innovations at Indian Institute of Technology, (IIT) Delhi. What is 'S' in PRISM?

- (a) Startups
- (b) Scheme
- (c) System
- (d) Small
- (e) Substantial

Answer: A

Union Science And Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has inaugurated an awareness event for a new scheme promoting innovations at Indian Institute of Technology, (IIT) Delhi.

It is aimed at supporting innovators through direct bank transfer.

The scheme has been named as Alignment and Awareness Event for Publicity of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research - Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Startups and MSMEs (DSIR-PRISM).

The scheme has been launched for core technology areas such as affordable healthcare, water, sewage management, green technology, clean energy, industrially utilizable smart materials and waste to wealth.

149. The World Trade Organization has revised the growth forecast of global merchandise trade in 2021 to 8 per cent. Where is the headquarters of the WTO located?

- (a) Paris
- (b) Washington DC
- (c) Geneva
- (d) Vienna
- (e) New York

Answer: C

The Geneva-based World Trade Organization revised upwards the growth forecast of global merchandise trade in 2021 to 8 per cent after recording a fall of 5.3 per cent last year, amid COVID-19 pandemic.

It added that trade growth should then slow to 4 per cent in 2022, and the effects of the pandemic will continue to be felt as this pace of expansion would still leave trade below its pre-pandemic trend.

150. A new report titled 'Forest Governance by Indigenous and Tribal Peoples' has been released by the FAO & FILAC. As per the report, the area of intact forest in the Amazon Basin has been decreased by _____ between the years 2000 and 2006.

- (a) 5.5%
- (b) 6.2%
- (c) 4.9%
- (d) 9.4%
- (e) 8.6%

Answer: C

A new report titled Forest Governance by Indigenous and Tribal Peoples has been released by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean (FILAC).

Deforestation rates are significantly lower in Indigenous and Tribal territories where governments

have formally recognized collective land rights, according to a new report launched.

Around 45% (half) of the intact forests in the Amazon Basin are present in indigenous territories. The area of intact forest decreased by only 4.9% between the years 2000 and 2016 in the region's indigenous areas.

However, in the non-indigenous areas, the decline was 11.2%.

The report calls on governments to invest in projects that strengthen the role that Indigenous and Tribal Peoples play in forest governance, bolster communal territorial rights, compensate indigenous and tribal communities for the environmental services they provide, and facilitate community forest management.

151. Which institution has announced an investment of Rs 2100 crore in Manipal Hospitals, a multi-speciality healthcare provider through its Strategic Opportunities Fund?

- (a) NIIFL
- (b) ADB
- (c) World Bank
- (d) SBI
- (e) AIIB

Answer: A

National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) has announced an investment of ₹2,100 crore in Manipal Hospitals, a multi-speciality healthcare provider, through its NIIF Strategic

Opportunities Fund (SOF), the direct private equity fund of NIIF.

This investment marks SOF's first investment in the Indian healthcare sector and will support Manipal Hospital's journey of growth to become the largest hospital chain.

Manipal Hospitals is a chain of multi-specialty hospitals in India. It was founded by Dr. TonseMadhavAnanthPai in 1953.

152. The centre has planned to issue a 14-digit identification number called Unique Land Parcel Identification Number to every plot of land in the country. How many states will be covered under the scheme?

- (a) 7
- (b) 10
- (c) 15
- (d) 11
- (e) 21

Answer: B

The Centre plans to issue a 14-digit identification number to every plot of land in the country within a year's time.

It will subsequently integrate its land records database with revenue court records and bank records, as well as Aadhaar numbers on a voluntary basis, according to a Parliamentary standing committee report submitted to the Lok Sabha. The Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) scheme has been launched in ten States this year and will be rolled out across the country by

March 2022, the Department of Land Resources told the Standing Committee on Rural Development.

153. How many digit HSN code will be mandatory for businesses with turnover of more than Rs 5 crore?

- (a) 4
- (b) 5
- (c) 6
- (d) 7
- (e) 8

Answer: C

Businesses with turnover of more than Rs 5 crore will have to furnish six-digit HSN or tariff code on the invoices issued for supplies of taxable goods and services from April 1.

Those with turnover of up to Rs 5 crore in the preceding financial year would be required to mandatorily furnish four-digit HSN code on B2B invoices.

Earlier, the requirement was four-digits and two-digits respectively.

154. In April 2021, Ajai Seth was appointed as the Economic Affairs Secretary by the central government. Who among the following was replaced by him?

- (a) N V Ramana
- (b) Amit Bansal
- (c) Samant Goel
- (d) Tarun Bajaj
- (e) Anil Kumar Gupta

Answer: D

The government appointed Ajai Seth as new Economic Affairs Secretary.

He will replace Tarun Bajaj who will be the new Revenue Secretary.

Bajaj, a 1988-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Haryana cadre, is currently secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA).

155. Dixon group formed a joint venture with Bharti Enterprises to apply for the government's production-linked incentive scheme for manufacturing of telecom and networking products. How much stake would be owned by the Bharti enterprises?

- (a) 50%
- (b) 51%
- (c) 49%
- (d) 74%
- (e) 26%

Answer: E

Dixon group formed a joint venture (JV) with Bharti Enterprises to apply for the government's production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for manufacturing of telecom and networking products.

The JV, in which the electronic manufacturing services (EMS) player will hold a 74 per cent shareholding (the rest with Bharti), will be the first company to be applying to avail of telecom PLI incentive.

Under the scheme, the government has earmarked an outlay of Rs 12,195 crore for manufacturers of telecom gear with incentives ranging from 4 percent to 6 percent on incremental sales for five years. Post execution of mutually acceptable agreements by the parties, the JV company will be 74% owned by Dixon and 26% by Bharti Enterprises

156. Who among the following has been selected for the 30th GD Birla Award for Scientific Research?

- (a) Ritukaridhal
- (b) SumanChakraborty
- (c) Ankita Bose
- (d) DivyaGokulnath
- (e) Bala Devi

Answer: B

Professor SumanChakraborty has been selected for the 30th GD Birla Award for Scientific Research for his outstanding contribution to engineering science and its applications in developing technologies for affordable healthcare.

He is a faculty member at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur's department of mechanical engineering.

GD. Birla Award for Scientific Research was instituted in 1991 by the K. K. Birla Foundation in honour of the Indian philanthropist Ghanshyam Das Birla.

The award is given every year to outstanding scientific research, in all branches of science including medical science, basic and applied.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1.5 lakhs (0.15 million).

157. UNDP India's Accelerator Lab has signed a MoU with Spice Board India with an aim to build a blockchain based traceability interface for Indian spices. The project will be piloted in selected districts of which state?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Rajasthan

Answer: C

Spices Board India under Ministry of Commerce and Industry and UNDP India's Accelerator Lab signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with the aim to build a blockchain based traceability interface for Indian spices to enhance transparency in supply chain and trade.

Blockchain is a decentralized process of recording transactions on an open and shared electronic ledger.

This allows for ease and transparency in data management across a complex network, including farmers, brokers, distributors, processors, retailers, regulators, and consumers, thus simplifying the supply chain.

Design of the Blockchain interface is expected to be completed by May'21.

The project will be piloted with over 3,000 farmers engaged in chilli and turmeric farming in select Districts of Andhra Pradesh.

158. Which state government has signed an MOU with the Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Mumbai for deploying AI solutions to assist cotton farmers in beating pest infestations?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Karnataka

Answer: A

The Department of Agriculture, Government of Telangana and the Wadhvani Institute for Artificial Intelligence (Wadhvani AI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deploy AI options for the good thing about Cotton farmers within the state.

Wadhvani AI has developed an AI answer that equips smallholder cotton farmers with the scientific information of an agriculture expert, with the assistance of an easy smartphone.

The answer, delivered by way of an app, gives real-time, localized advisory and surveillance.

It permits farmers to catch pest infestations early and take right, speedy motion to keep away from important crop harm, and subsequently, enhance the standard of the crop and enhance incomes.

159. What edition of the Miami Open Tennis Tournament was held from March 23 to April 4, 2021 at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Garden, Florida?

- (a) 30th
- (b) 40th
- (c) 46th
- (d) 36th
- (e) 51st

Answer: D

The 36th edition of the Miami Open was starting from March 23 to April 4, 2021.

It was held at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida.

The 2021 Miami Open Tennis Tournament Hubert Hurkacz of Poland defeated Italian teenager Jannik Sinner in straight sets.

This is the first ATP Masters title of his career. In addition to that this is the second title of the season.

160. The Haryana government has increased the salaries of sanitation workers in rural areas in the state from Rs 12,500 to _____.

- (a) 15000
- (b) 15500
- (c) 16000
- (d) 14000
- (e) 14500

Answer: D

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced an increase in the salaries of sanitation workers both in rural and urban areas in the state. Monthly salary of sanitation workers in rural areas to increase from Rs 12,500 to Rs 14,000 and for those in urban areas to increase from Rs 15,000 to Rs 16,000," Khattar said during his speech at Safai Mitra Utthan Sammelan in Karnal. He further announced, "If the salary is delayed then Rs 500 to be given with next month's salary as additional compensation.

161. The 2023 Men's Boxing World Championships will be held in Uzbekistan as confirmed by the International Boxing Association. Who is the current President of AIBA?

- (a) Umar Kremlev
- (b) Rustam Shah Abdurakhmonov
- (c) Saken Polatov
- (d) Shavkat Mirziyoyev
- (e) Islam Karimov

Answer: A

The 2023 men's boxing World Championships will be held in Uzbekistan capital Tashkent. International Boxing Association (AIBA) President Umar Kremlev confirmed Tashkent as the host city during a visit to Uzbekistan.

The city of Tashkent was awarded the 2023 AIBA Men's boxing World Boxing Championships after the successful bid presentation by the Boxing Federation of Uzbekistan.

162. As per the new list by the prestigious Forbes magazine, Which among the following country has the second highest number of Billionaires?

- (a) USA
- (b) China
- (c) India
- (d) Germany
- (e) UK

Answer: B

Forbes' 35th annual list of the world's billionaires is topped by Amazon CEO and Founder Jeff Bezos for the fourth year in a row.

It comprised a record-breaking 2,755 billionaires. Mukesh Ambani ranked at 10th position with a total net worth of USD 84.5 billion.

India has the third highest number of billionaires in the world after the United States and China, as per a new list by the prestigious Forbes magazine.

163. The tournament which is scheduled to be held in Jharkhand from April 3 has been postponed until further announcement after 11 players and a coach tested COVID-19 positive. Name the tournament.

- (a) Junior Women's Hockey Championship
- (b) FIBA
- (c) Federation Cup
- (d) Uber Cup
- (e) All-India Ranking Badminton Tournament

Answer: A

The National Junior Women's Hockey Championship scheduled to begin from April 3 in

Simdega district of Jharkhand has been postponed until further announcement after 11 players and a coach tested COVID-19 positive.

All players have been isolated and the Astroturf stadium is being sanitised after it has been declared as COVID containment zone.

In a unanimous decision taken by the organising committee and Hockey Jharkhand, the host for the sporting event has confirmed the postponement of the championship to Hockey India and all other participating states.

164. A new species named 'Argyreia sharadchandraji' has recently been discovered in Maharashtra's Kolhapur. The species belong to which of the following categories?

- (a) Flower
- (b) Fish
- (c) Bird
- (d) Owl
- (e) Monkey

Answer: A

A new species of flowering plants, recently discovered in south Maharashtra's Kolhapur. It belongs to the genus 'Argyreia'.

It has been named after National Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar.

The species has been named 'Argyreia sharadchandraji' in recognition of Mr Pawar's contribution as Union agriculture minister.

The plant blooms between July and September and its fruiting period goes on till December.

These species are found in only Asiatic countries. Of 40, 17 are endemic to India, and now we have discovered an 18th one in the Allamprabhu Sacred Grove in Ramling hills.

165. A book titled, "Cinema Through Rasa: A Tryst with Masterpieces in the Light of Rasa Siddhanta" is a translation of the Hindi book 'Abhinav Cinema'. The book 'Abhinav Cinema' has been translated by _____.

- (a) Geeta Mirji Narayan
- (b) Srikanth Ram
- (c) Ramesh Kandula
- (d) Snigdha Poonam
- (e) Shweta Taneja

Answer: A

A book titled Cinema Through Rasa: A Tryst with Masterpieces in the Light of Rasa Siddhanta authored by Prachandpraveer

It highlights the important works of world cinema in the light of Rasa Siddhanta of the Indian classical aesthetics.

It is a translation of the Hindi book "Abhinava Cinema". Abhinava Cinema book was released in the year 2016 and its translation was done by Geeta Mirji Narayan.

The book was published by D.K. Printworld

166. On April 1, DRDO developed a lightweight bullet-proof jacket for Indian Army. What is the weight of the jacket?

- (a) 7 Kg
- (b) 10 Kg
- (c) 9 Kg
- (d) 8 Kg
- (e) 5 Kg

Answer: C

On April 01, 2021, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) developed a lightweight bullet-proof jacket for Indian Army. It weighs around nine kilogrammes and meets the qualitative requirements of the Indian Army. The jacket has been developed by the Kanpur-based Defence Materials and Stores Research and Development Establishment (DMSRDE). India exports bulletproof jackets to 18 countries. Industrial licenses have been issued to 15 companies for manufacturing bulletproof jackets having production capacity in the country of over 10 lakh per annum to meet the domestic and export requirement.

167. Which company has sold its headquarters in Mumbai's Santacruz to Yes bank for Rs 1,200 crore?

- (a) Reliance Infrastructure
- (b) Tata Consultancy
- (c) Infosys
- (d) Accenture
- (e) Tech Mahindra

Answer: A

On April 01, 2021, Anil Ambani Group's Reliance Infrastructure (RInfra) sold its headquarters (HQ) in Mumbai's Santacruz to YES Bank for Rs 1,200 crore.

YES Bank, currently operates from One Indiabulls Centre in central Mumbai, will convert the building into its corporate head office.

The entire proceeds from the sale of Reliance Centre will be utilised only to service the debt of YES Bank,

With this, RInfra has closed three major transactions since January this year. These include the sale of Delhi-Agra toll road to Cube Highways and an electricity transmission asset Parbatikoldam Transmission Company to IndiGrid.

168. Bharat Dynamics Ltd has flagged off Akash Missile for Delivery to Indian Army. What is the maximum range of the missile?

- (a) 20 km
- (b) 25 km
- (c) 30 km
- (d) 35 km
- (e) 40 km

Answer: B

On April 01, 2021 Bharat Dynamics Ltd Started flagged off Akash Missile for Delivery to Indian Army.

It was flagged off by Lt Gen A P Singh, AVSM, Director General and Senior Colonel Commandant, Army Air Defence

BDL manufactures Akash Missiles both for the Indian Army and Indian Air Force.

The Akash Weapon System, designed and developed by DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) with 96% indigenous content.

Akash missile has the capability to engage aerial threats upto a maximum range of 25 km and upto an altitude of 20 km.

It operates at a speed range of 1.8 to 2.5 Mach.

The missile has been successfully test fired on several occasions and is one of the best in this category.

It is manufactured by BDL at its Hyderabad Unit.

169. Which among the following company has launched Cryptocurrency Checkout Services for US customers to boost use of digital assets?

- (a) WazirX
- (b) Binance
- (c) PayPal
- (d) Bitstamp
- (e) Bitfinex

Answer: C

PayPal Holdings Inc announced that it has started allowing U.S. consumers to use their cryptocurrency holdings to pay at millions of its online merchants globally, a move that could significantly boost use of digital assets in everyday commerce.

Customers who hold bitcoin, ether, bitcoin cash and litecoin in PayPal digital wallets will now be able to

convert their holdings into fiat currencies at checkouts to make purchases.

The offering made PayPal one of the largest mainstream financial companies to open its network to cryptocurrencies and helped fuel a rally in virtual coin prices.

170. India has retained the top spot with more than 70.3 billion real-time payments transactions. Which country has placed at the second spot as per the ACI worldwide report?

- (a) USA
- (b) Australia
- (c) Germany
- (d) South Korea
- (e) China

Answer: E

Solution:

ACI Worldwide released a new report that indicated more than 70.3 billion real-time payments transactions were processed globally in 2020, a surge of 41 per cent compared to the previous year. According to the report, India retained the top spot with 25.5 billion real-time payments transactions, followed by China with 15.7 bn transactions.

The report speculated that by 2024 the share of real-time payments volume in overall electronic transactions will exceed 50 per cent. This will further touch 71.7 percent by 2025.

171. Under the RBI Act 1934 , the centre has decided to retain the inflation target of 4% for a period of _____ years.

- (a) 2 years
- (b) 3 years
- (c) 4 years
- (d) 5 years
- (e) 1 year

Answer: D

The Centre has decided to retain the inflation target of 4%, with a tolerance band of +/- 2 percentage points for the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India for the coming five years. The inflation target for the period April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2026, under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, has been kept at the same level as it was for the previous five years," said Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj. "So there's no change," he added.

172. The CDC Group has partnered with Chennai-based NBFC Northern Arc Capital to create its first-ever PBI transaction in India. The PBI worth _____ Crore will provide systemic liquidity to six Indian microfinance institutions.

- (a) 320 crores
- (b) 200 crores
- (c) 400 crores
- (d) 220 crores
- (e) 500 crores

Answer: A

The CDC Group, an UK-based development finance institution (DFI) and impact investor, has partnered with Chennai-based NBFC Northern Arc Capital to create its first-ever pooled bond issuance (PBI) transaction in India.

The PBI worth ₹320 crore will provide systemic liquidity to six Indian microfinance institutions (MFIs).

The debt financing platform Northern Arc Capital said the investment is expected to support MFIs in providing over 630,000 new micro-loans to low-income households, primarily female and rural borrowers, increasing their access to finance and enabling them to manage cash flow and maintain or grow their businesses.

173. As per the new income tax rules, the tax exemption limit earned on PF contributions by employees has been raised to _____ in specified cases.

- (a) 2.5 Lakh
- (b) 3 Lakh
- (c) 5 Lakh
- (d) 7.5 Lakh
- (e) 8 Lakh

Answer: C

The new financial year begins on 1 April. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presenting Union Budget 2021 had announced a slew of changes in the income tax rules.

These changes are set to come into effect from today, 1 April 2021.

According to the new rules, senior citizens of the age 75 and above with income from pension and interest from fixed deposit in the same bank would be exempted from filing ITR from April 1.

The finance minister has also raised the tax exemption limit earned on PF contribution by employees to Rs 5 lakh in specified cases as against the proposed Rs 2.5 lakh. The Rs 5 lakh contribution doesn't include the contribution by the employer.

174. Which railway zone has become the first completely electrified railway zone of India as per the Railway Ministry?

- (a) South Central
- (b) West Central
- (c) East Coast
- (d) Southern Railway
- (e) South Western Railway

Answer: B

West Central Railways has become the first fully electrified railway zone in the country.

Indian Railways' West Central Railway zone gets fully electrified, after CCRS Inspection and Commissioning of electrification of Kota – Chittaurgarh railway section (Srinagar – Jalindri) in the state of Rajasthan.

The zonal railway now claims a 3012 Route Km electrified network.

According to Railway Minister Piyush Goyal, trains passing through this railway section can now be operated at a faster speed.

Electrification of this railway section will provide various benefits such as saving fuel, reduction in travel time, as well as environmental protection.

175. Caputova appointed Eduard Heger as the new prime minister of Slovakia. What is the currency of Slovakia?

- (a) Dirham
- (b) Sol
- (c) Dollar
- (d) Euro
- (e) Lev

Answer: D

Euro is the currency of Slovakia. Capital is Bratislava

Slovak President Zuzana Caputova appointed Eduard Heger as the new prime minister, ending a month-long political crisis.

Heger takes over from his party chairman Igor Matovic, who in turn takes Heger's former seat at the finance ministry.

The swap is aimed at quelling coalition disputes sparked by Matovic's surprise purchase of Russian coronavirus vaccine Sputnik V in March.

176. Union Minister Harsh Vardhan has participated in the World Immunisation and Logistics Summit.

How much percent of the world's vaccines does India produce as per the Government?

- (a) 85%
- (b) 65%
- (c) 70%
- (d) 50%
- (e) 60%

Answer: E

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare digitally participated in a panel discussion on vaccine production and distribution across Asia at the "World Immunisation and Logistics Summit" on 30th March.

The virtual conference brought together over 1,000 attendees from around the region and the world in active discussion around tackling key issues facing global supply chains as the world faces the largest and most complex logistical operation in history in an effort to deliver life-saving vaccines worldwide.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan showcased India's vaccine administration program; the development of two vaccines in our country- Covishield and Covaxin; the priority pyramid of beneficiaries that targets those above 60 and above 45 with comorbidities with focus on the recent decision to allow all citizens above 45 and above years for vaccination from 1st April, 2021.

Reminding everyone that India produces 60% of the world's vaccine, he also detailed how infrastructure for India's universal immunization programme provided a pivot for the COVID vaccine drive.

177. Which among the following two banks have tied up to launch a New Umbrella Entity for retail payments along with Amazon and Visa as its major partners?

- (a) ICICI and HDFC Bank
- (b) SBI and Bank of Baroda
- (c) ICICI and Axis Bank
- (d) Axis and HDFC Bank
- (e) Kotak Mahindra and Yes Bank

Answer: C

Leading private sector lenders ICICI Bank and Axis Bank have tied up with global e-commerce major Amazon and cards major Visa to launch a retail payments entity, which will be a rival to state-owned NPCI.

Concerns over concentration risk and a need to fast-track cashless payments had led the RBI to invite applications for a New Umbrella Entity (NUE) to rival the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which currently delivers services like UPI-based payments.

According to media reports, this has led to a huge interest among various entities to get into the fray by forming consortia.

These include one where Reliance Industries has tied up with Facebook and Google, another led by Paytm which has companies like Ola, while there is one led by the Tata Group with Mastercard, Bharti Airtel, Kotak Mahindra Bank and HDFC Bank as partners.

178. GE Power Ltd has signed a _____ year maintenance contract with Reliance Bangladesh LNG & Power Ltd for the upcoming 718- megawatt combined cycle power plant in Bangladesh?

- (a) 22 years
- (b) 25 years
- (c) 30 years
- (d) 50 Years
- (e) 20 years

Answer: A

Plant owner Reliance Bangladesh LNG and Power signed GE to a 22-year agreement on equipment maintenance at its Meghnaghat, Narayanganj CCGT facility.

General Electric (GE) will provide maintenance and digital solutions for a 718MW Bangladeshi combined cycle power plant that will run natural gas-fired and steam turbines.

The equipment manufacturer will oversee upkeep on the turbines and auxiliary equipment, as well as plant-wide digital solutions on cloud-based asset performance, health, reliability and operations performance intelligence.

Reliance Bangladesh LNG & Power is a joint venture between India's Reliance Power Limited and Japan's JERA Co., Inc.

179. RBI has extended the tenure of RK Chibbar by 6 months. He is the Chairman and Managing Director of J & Bank. It is his _____ extension.

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th

- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 4th

Answer: C

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the term of Rajesh Kumar Chhibber as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Jammu & Kashmir Bank for another six months, effective from April 10, 2021.

With the fresh extensions, Chibber has grown higher in the history of Jammu and Kashmir Bank to be the longest-serving Chief Executive whose services were extended for more than two years.

This is his seventh extension.

Chibber was supposed to complete his long tenure of extensions on April 10, 2021. Ahead of his retirement in October 2019, Chibber was appointed as Chairman and MD of the bank on a time gap basis in June 2019 after Parvez Ahmad was sacked from the position.

180. According to a World Bank report, South Asia's public spending on healthcare is _____ percent of the GDP, lowest in the World.

- (a) 3.6%
- (b) 2.0%
- (c) 1.7%
- (d) 5.1%
- (e) 4.4%

Answer: B

The World Bank has made an upward revision in the projected growth rate for Bangladesh for the year 2020-21.

According to the latest update for the South Asian region released, the World Bank said that the prospect for an economic rebound in South Asia is firming up as growth is to increase by 7.2 percent in 2021 and 4.4 percent in 2022 putting the region on the path to recovery.

According to the earlier forecast, Bangladesh was projected to grow at 2.0 percent in the FY 2020-21 and by 1.7 percent in the year 2021-22.

The new forecast released by the World Bank has substantially raised the projection for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22 to 3.6 percent and 5.1 percent respectively

The report notes that South Asia's public spending on healthcare is 2 percent of the GDP which is the lowest in the world.

181. Anil Dharker, who belonged to Maharashtra, has passed away recently. He was a noted _____.

- (a) Journalist
- (b) Writer
- (c) Athlete
- (d) Both a & b
- (e) Sand Artist

Answer: d

Indian journalist and writer Anil Dharker died of a cardiac ailment at a Mumbai hospital at the age of 74 years.

He was also the founder and director of the Mumbai International Literary Festival and of Tata Literature Live.

Dharker was also a member of the National Centre for the Performing Arts theatre committee and a columnist for the NCPA's monthly magazine, On Stage.

The 74-year old noted journalist was also a member of the Advisory Boards of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Doordarshan, the Children's Film Society of India and a member of the advisory committee of the film censor board.

While being a columnist for The Indian Express newspaper, he authored the book "The Romance Of Salt", a book on Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March.

182. Which space agency's astronomers have detected X-rays from the seventh planet of our solar system, Uranus for the first time?

- (a) NASA
- (b) ISRO
- (c) CNES
- (d) ESA
- (e) JAXA

Answer: A

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronomers have detected X-rays from the seventh planet of our solar system, Uranus for the first time.

The results were obtained using NASA's Chandra X-ray observatory.

However, the new study is not based on recent observations, but from those taken in 2002 and 2017.

183. 'ManyamkondaJatara' is a famous tribal festival of idol shifting. In the festival, the idols of 4 deities are moved from Odisha to _____.

- (a)Telangana
- (b)Karnataka
- (c)Andhra pradesh
- (d)Madhya Pradesh
- (e)Jharkhand

Answer: C

ManyamkondaJatara is an interstate religious festival of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

This festival involves shifting idols from Odisha to Andhra at Polluru village in Mothugudemmandal of East Godavari District.

Incidents of untoward incidents and left-wing extremists have been reported in the past during this festival.

But, due to abundant precautionary measures, this year's festival went on peacefully.

184. NV Ramana has been appointed as the Chief Justice of India by President Ram NathKovind. He will be the _____ Chief Justice of India.

- (a)42nd
- (b)45th
- (c)48th
- (d) 50th
- (e) 51st

Answer: C

President Ram NathKovind has appointed Justice N V Ramana as the 48th Chief Justice of India, accepting the recommendation made by the outgoing CJI SA Bobde on 6th April.

Justice Ramana will have a term till August 26th next year.

Born on August 27, 1957, in Ponnavaaram village of Andhra Pradesh's Krishna district, Justice Ramana was enrolled as an advocate on February 10, 1983. He was appointed as a permanent judge of the Andhra Pradesh high court on June 27, 2000, and functioned as acting chief justice of the Andhra Pradesh high court from March 10, 2013 to May 20, 2013.

Justice Ramana was elevated as the chief justice of Delhi high court on September 2, 2013 and was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court on February 17, 2014.

185. In April 2021, Pham Minh chinh was elected as the Prime Minister of which Southeast Asian country?

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Vietnam
- (c) Myanmar
- (d) Cambodia
- (e) Brunei

Answer: B

The Vietnam National Assembly on April 5, 2021, voted to make Pham Minh Chinh the next Prime Minister of Vietnam.

He is a Communist Party member with a history as a security official.

While the outgoing Prime Minister Nguyen XuanPhuc has been appointed as the new President of the country.

186. Yongsung Kim has been appointed as the head of global sales and distribution to oversee India and international markets of which among the following company?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Flipkart
- (c) Ola
- (d) Uber
- (e) Zoom Car

Answer: C

Ola Electric, India's leading mobility company, announced the appointment of Yongsung Kim as head of global sales and distribution, overseeing India and international markets.

Yongsung will lead both the domestic and international strategy for sales and go-to-market for Ola Electric as it gears up to launch its first electric scooter across India and multiple international markets including Europe and the UK, Latin America, Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia.

Kim is a 35-year veteran with Hyundai Motor Co. Ltd. and sister firm Kia Motors and has a background in automotive sales from around the world. ..

187. National Stock Exchange has signed a pact with GIFT SEZ Ltd for capacity building of trained manpower . Who among the following is the CEO of National Stock Exchange?

- (a) Ashish Kumar Chauhan
- (b) S. Sadagopan
- (c) Gulshan Rai
- (d) S. Sundara Rajan
- (e) Vikram Limaye

Answer: E

National Stock Exchange (NSE) said that its wholly-owned subsidiary NSE Academy has signed a pact with GIFT SEZ Ltd for capacity building of trained manpower by developing, launching and conducting training programmes related to International Financial Services

GIFT SEZ is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City.

Both organisations will jointly create unique certification and regulatory programmes for the corporates and organisations operating in International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City and will also help facilitate research in the field of International Financial Services as well as create a platform to organise conferences, speaker sessions and knowledge series.

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) is India's largest financial market and the fourth largest market by trading volume.

MD & CEO of NSE is Vikram Limaye.

188. From April 1, all licensed Payment System Operators (PSOs) will have to submit the detailed “compliance certificates” to the central bank twice a year. What is the deadline of submission of certificate for the period ending 31 March?

- (a) 1 April
- (b) 15 April
- (c) 30 April
- (d) 31 May
- (e) 1 May

Answer: C

From April 1, all licensed payment system operators (PSOs) will have to submit detailed “compliance certificates” to the central bank twice a year, signed by their CEOs or managing directors, confirming adherence to all RBI regulations around security and storage of payment data.

In a letter issued by the central bank’s Department of Payment and Settlement Systems (DPSS) to all PSOs, RBI has asked these certificates be submitted on April 30 and October 31 for the period ending March 31 and September 30, respectively, every year.

189. “Wisdom for Start-ups from Grownups: Discovering Corporate Ayurveda” is a book co-authored by R Narayanan and R Gopalakrishnan. The book is inspired by the companies of which country?

- (a) Japan
- (b) China
- (c) South Korea

(d) USA

(e) UK

Answer: A

The corporate leaders R Gopalakrishnan and R Narayanan have written the book after inspiring by the secrets of 'shinise' or Japanese companies dating back to the time of samurais.

“Wisdom for Start-ups from Grownups: Discovering Corporate Ayurveda” is the culmination of their collaborative effort to bring the best of what grown-ups have to offer to start-ups, presented in the form of all-important lessons.

The book is divided into two sections, the first focuses on start-ups and the second on grown-ups.

The authors also take a close look at 'shinise' or long-lived companies in Japan and whether they have a secret formula.

190. The Centre’s fiscal deficit has touched 76% of the 2020-21 revised estimates of Rs 18.5 trillion. It expects to earn 1.85 trillion revenue in March 2021, which is _____ % lower than the previous year’s period.

- (a) 25%
- (b) 40%
- (c) 50%
- (d) 55%
- (e) 60%

Answer: B

The Centre's fiscal deficit touched Rs 14.1 trillion in the first 11 months of FY 21 — 76 percent of the 2020-21 revised estimates of Rs 18.5 trillion and 36 per cent higher than last year's corresponding level of Rs 10.4 trillion.

The government expects to earn revenues of Rs 1.85 trillion in March 2021, 40 per cent lower than what it earned in the year-ago period.

It intends to spend a massive Rs 5.9 trillion as revenue expenditure, and close to Rs 33,000 crore as capital expenditure this month against Rs 1.9 trillion of revenue spending and Rs 30,000 crore of capex in March 2020.

191. Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha attended the fourth edition of Purvanchal Festival "Maati" at New Delhi. An initiative called "Maati" was launched in which among the following year?

- (a) 2016
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2017
- (e) 2018

Answer: E

Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha attended the fourth edition of Purvanchal Festival "Maati" at India International Centre, New Delhi.

The Lt Governor was the Chief Guest for the Maati Samman session on the occasion.

To celebrate the spirit of Purvanchal and the people living in Delhi-NCR, an initiative called "Maati" was launched in the year 2018 in New Delhi.

This year, the 4th edition of the Purvanchal Festival "Maati" was celebrated in New Delhi.

192. US President Joe Biden has outlined a _____ trillion dollars plan to reengineer the nation's infrastructure.

- (a) \$1.8 trillion
- (b) \$3.6 trillion
- (c) \$2.5 trillion
- (d) \$2.3 trillion
- (e) \$3.3 trillion

Answer: D

US President Joe Biden has outlined a huge 2.3 trillion dollars plan to reengineer the nation's infrastructure, which he called a once-in-a-generation investment in America.

The President's "American Jobs Plan" would put corporate America on the hook for the tab as the government creates millions of jobs building infrastructure, such as roads, tackles climate change and boosts human services like care for the elderly.

193. Recently, Nirmala Sitharaman has attended the 6th annual meeting of the Board of Governors of which among the following organization via video conferencing in New Delhi?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) HSBC Bank
- (c) AIIB
- (d) ADB
- (e) NDB

Answer: E

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 6th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of New Development Bank through video-conference in New Delhi

The meeting was also attended by Governors/Alternate Governors of Brazil, China, Russia and South Africa.

Due to the current pandemic, this Annual Meeting of NDB was organized in virtual mode. This year's Annual Meeting theme was "New Development Paradigms: The Evolution of Infrastructure" which is well aligned with its mandate.

NDB, a multilateral development bank was set up by the BRICS countries

The Bank has been operationalised in 2015, with its Headquarters in Shanghai, China. NDB has so far approved 18 projects of India for an amount of \$6,924 million.

194. NITI Aayog member Dr VK Paul has released a report titled 'Investment Opportunities in India's Healthcare Sector'. India's healthcare industry has been growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate of around _____ since 2016.

- (a) 18%
- (b) 27%
- (c) 22%
- (d) 32%
- (e) 29%

Answer: C

National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) Member Dr VK Paul, CEO Amitabh Kant, and Additional Secretary Dr Rakesh Sarwal released

a report titled 'Investment Opportunities in India's Healthcare Sector'.

The report outlines the range of investment opportunities in various segments of India's healthcare sector, including hospitals, medical devices and equipment, health insurance, telemedicine, home healthcare and medical value travel.

India's healthcare industry has been growing at a Compound Annual Growth Rate of around 22% since 2016. At this rate, it is expected to reach USD 372 billion in 2022. Healthcare has become one of the largest sectors of the Indian economy, in terms of both revenue and employment.

195. The report titled "South Asia Economic Focus, Spring 2021: South Asia Vaccinates" released by the World Bank. It has raised India's GDP growth prediction to _____% for the FY 2020-21.

- (a) 7.5%
- (b) 12.5%
- (c) 10.1%
- (d) 5.4%
- (e) 8.6%

Answer: C

The World Bank has raised Indian GDP growth prediction for 2021-22 fiscal to 10.1 percent from 5.4 percent projected in January. The international bank said, given the significant uncertainty amid Covid-19 effects on the economy, the real India GDP growth could be in the range from 7.5 percent to 12.5 percent.

The report, titled South Asia Economic Focus, Spring 2021: South Asia Vaccinates, said the region will regain its historic growth by 2022, and the recovery is indicated by the consumption of electricity and mobile data.

196. Arunachal Pradesh has inaugurated its first formal indigenous language and knowledge system school called 'NyubuNyvgamYerko'. who is the current CM of Arunachal Pradesh?

- (a) PemaKhandu
- (b) HimantaBiswa
- (c) Neiphiu Rio
- (d) LalThanhawla
- (e) Prem Singh

Answer: A

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister PemaKhandu has inaugurated the state's first formal indigenous language and knowledge system school in East Kameng district.

The first-of-its-kind school called 'NyubuNyvgamYerko' was inaugurated at Rang village near Seppa.

During the school inaugural event, Khandu was accompanied by Union minister of state for sports and youth affairs Kiren Rijiju

NyubuNyvgamYerko is a formal institution for indigenous language and knowledge systems. Literally, 'Nyubu' means priest, 'Nyvgam' means person having wisdom and knowledge while 'Yerko' means learning institution

197. RBL Bank has joined hands with Tide India to provide banking infrastructure for Tide's India platform focused on the SME segment. Tide is a banking fintech based in which country?

- (a) UK
- (b) USA
- (c) Japan
- (d) Germany
- (e) Australia

Answer: A

RBL Bank has joined hands with Tide India, part of Tide UK, a business banking fintech, to provide banking infrastructure for Tide's India platform focused on the SME segment.

This collaboration will enable Tide to bring its platform to the Indian markets with a full-fledged launch.

With one in 20 SMEs in the UK (equivalent to over 5% market share) using Tide to manage their business banking and administration, it has over 320,000 SME members.

198. The Council for Promotion of Overseas Employment, which has served as a think tank to the Ministry of External Affairs, has been renamed as _____.

- (a) India Centre for Overseas Employment
- (b) India Centre for Abroad
- (c) India Centre for Migration
- (d) India Centre for Migration Issues
- (e) Ministry of Migrants Employment

Answer: C

The Council for Promotion of Overseas Employment, which has served as a think tank to the Ministry of External Affairs, has been renamed as India Centre for Migration (ICM). Earlier known as the Council for Promotion of Overseas Employment, it was renamed on March 27 with the mandate to cover all international migration-related issues.

Since its inception, ICM has worked to fulfil its mandate of serving as a think tank to the MEA. It has engaged in capacity building, training and awareness generation programmes on international migration, especially pre-departure orientation programmes.

199. The RBI has doubled the limit of maximum balance with Payment Banks to ₹ 2 Lakh. The extant 'guidelines for licensing of payments banks' allow payments banks to hold a maximum balance of Rs 1 lakh per individual customer. The guidelines was issued in which year?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2011
- (c) 2013
- (d) 2012
- (e) 2014

Answer: E

The RBI has doubled the limit of maximum balance that an individual customer can hold with payments banks to Rs 2 lakh from Rs 1 lakh earlier with immediate effect to expand the ability of such

lenders to cater to the needs of MSMEs and other businesses.

The extant 'guidelines for licensing of payments banks' issued on 27 November 2014 allow payments banks to hold a maximum balance of Rs 1 lakh per individual customer.

The decision to double the limit was based on a review of the performance of payments banks and with a view to encourage their efforts for financial inclusion and to expand their ability to cater to the needs of their customers, including MSMEs, small traders and merchants.

200. Name the application which was launched by Ujjivan Small Finance Bank in collaboration with nStore to digitise offline retailers and small businesses in the country.

- (a) nUjjivan
- (b) nBusiness
- (c) nDigi
- (d) nLincs
- (e) nFinance

Answer: D

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has joined hands with nStore to digitise offline retailers and small businesses in the country.

Under this partnership, the lender will offer a mobile application 'nLincs' to its current account holders who own local businesses.

With this new application, the merchants can sell their merchandise online, the bank said in a statement.

April 2nd week Current Affairs MCQ

1. Under the PradhanMantriAwaasYojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), a target of how many crore houses was set for completion in the 1st phase of the scheme i.e. from 2016-17 to 2018-19 ?

- (a) 1.92 Cr
- (b) 2.14 Cr
- (c) 2.95 Cr
- (d) 1 Cr
- (e) 1.36 Cr

Answer: D

Under the PradhanMantriAwaasYojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), a flagship programme of the Government of India, a target of 1 crore houses was set for completion in the 1st phase of the scheme i.e. from 2016-17 to 2018-19, against which 92% target of completion has been achieved.

The government is confident that all the houses in the Permanent Wait List (PWL) would be completed by the end of AmrutMahtosava.

As against the existing Permanent Wait List (PWL) identified using the SECC database of 2011, as on date 2.14 crore beneficiaries have been found to be eligible.

Against this, 1.92 crores (90%) houses have been sanctioned and against the sanctioned houses, 1.36 crore (71%) houses have been completed.

In the FY 20-21, a total allocation of Rs 19,269 cr was made available as budgetary support, in addition, extra-budgetary support of Rs 20,000 cr has been provided, the overall release of Rs 39,269

cr is so far the highest in any year since the launch of PMAY-G.

The expenditure incurred by states including state share has also seen an unprecedented increase in the current FY amounting to Rs 46,661 cr, which is the highest since the launch of the scheme.

The Scheme envisaged constructing 2.95 crore PMAY-G houses with all basic amenities by the year 2021-22.

2. In which city, China has launched its plan to build the country's fifth rocket launch site?

- (a) Beijing
- (b) Fuzhou
- (c) Shishi
- (d) Wugang
- (e) Ningbo

Answer: E

A port city in eastern China, Ningbo, has launched an ambitious plan to build the country's fifth rocket launch site.

An engineering company in eastern Zhejiang province won a tender on April 1 to construct the launch pad in Ningbo city.

As part of the Zhejiang government's infrastructure plans for 2021-2025, Ningbo will invest 20 billion yuan (\$3 billion) in a rocket launch centre in the county of Xiangshan, or "Elephant Hill".

The centre will be capable of launching 100 missions a year.

China launched 39 missions in 2020, including an unmanned probe to Mars, and is expected to see more than 40 launches this year.

3. The Cabinet - approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for White Goods shall extend an incentive from 4% to 6% on incremental sales of goods manufactured in India for a period of _____ years.

- (a) 5
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 2
- (e) 6

Answer: A

The Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy's proposal for implementation of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 'National Programme on High Efficiency Solar PV (Photovoltaic) Modules' for achieving manufacturing capacity of Giga Watt (GW) scale in high efficiency solar PV modules with an outlay of Rs.4,500 crore.

Shri Narendra Modi, approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for White Goods (Air Conditioners and LED Lights) with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 6,238 crore.

The PLI Scheme for White Goods shall extend an incentive of 4% to 6% on incremental sales of goods manufactured in India for a period of five years to

companies engaged in manufacturing of Air Conditioners and LED Lights.

4. Name the Foreign Minister of Eritrea who has arrived in New Delhi for an official visit to India.

- (a) Vladimir Makei
- (b) Osman Saleh Mohammed
- (c) Marise Payne
- (d) Tandi Dorji
- (e) Rodolfo Solano

Answer: B

Foreign Minister of Eritrea Osman Saleh Mohammed arrived in New Delhi for an official visit to India.

He will meet External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar.

Foreign Minister Osman Saleh will visit the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), and will hold interactions with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council (Pharmexcil) and representatives of Indian ICT, telecommunications, mining and energy companies during his visit to India.

5. The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Understanding signed between Dept of Space and which among the following universities in Japan for Academic & Research Cooperation and exchange?

- (a) Waseda University

- (b) Tohoku University
- (c) Keio University
- (d) Nihon University
- (e) Kyoto University

Answer: E

Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL), Dept of Space, Government of India and Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere (RISH), Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan for Academic and Research Cooperation and Exchange

This MoU would lead to mutual utilization of facilities such as the Middle and Upper atmosphere (MU) radar in Shigaraki, Japan, the Equatorial Atmospheric Radar (EAR) in Kototabang, Indonesia and complementary instruments available from RISH, and the Mesosphere-Stratosphere-Troposphere (MST) radar and complementary instruments available at NARL.

6. Name the initiative of Tribal Affairs Ministry, which would converge the efforts of various Government agencies and organizations to enhance the health and nutrition status of the tribal communities of India.

- (a) Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN)
- (b) eSanjeevani
- (c) Anamaya
- (d) DhanVikasKaryakram (VDVK)
- (e) Swasthya

Answer: C

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare along with ArjunMunda, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs launched 'Anamaya', the Tribal Health Collaborative through video conference.

It is a multi-stakeholder initiative of the Tribal Affairs Ministry, supported by Piramal Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), 'Anamaya' will converge efforts of various Government agencies and organisations to enhance the health and nutrition status of the tribal communities of India.

7. Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying signed an MOU with Ministry of AYUSH to introduce the concept of Ayurveda and its allied disciplines into _____.

- (a) Clinical nutrition
- (b) Psychology
- (c) Agriculture
- (d) Veterinary science
- (e) Nursing

Answer: D

between Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD), Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India and Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India was signed to introduce the concept of Ayurveda and its allied disciplines into veterinary science by their promotion in research and development including research on

new formulations in quality drugs for veterinary science through medicinal herbs.

The initiative involves capacity building in related areas through training, exploring marketing possibilities for herbal veterinary medicines on a sustainable basis and providing for services including cultivation, preservation and conservation of medicinal plants.

The cooperation will help in developing herbal veterinary education programs and creating awareness among dairy farmers and agro-farmers about utilization and importance of herbal veterinary medicine and cultivation of medicinal herbs.

8. The Multilateral Maritime Exercise, in which Navies of India & three other QUAD Countries namely US, Japan and Australia have participated, was led by French Navy. Name the Exercise.

- (a) Emerald Mercury
- (b) Desert Strike
- (c) LalQila
- (d) La Pérouse
- (e) Milan

Answer: D

The exercise La Pérouse was led by the French Navy.

Indian Navy Ships INS Satpura (with an integral helicopter embarked) and INS Kiltana along with P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft are participating, for the first time; in multilateral maritime exercise La Pérouse, being conducted in

the Eastern Indian Ocean Region from 05 to 07 April 2021.

The Indian Navy ships and aircraft will exercise at sea with ships and aircraft of French Navy (FN), Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) and United States Navy (USN) during the three day exercise at sea.

9. Which of the following countries has hosted its first meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Russia
- (c) India
- (d) China
- (e) South Africa

Answer: C

India hosted a Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors virtually on April 6, 2021.

The meeting was jointly Chaired by Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt.

Nirmala Sitharaman and Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Shri. Shaktikanta Das.

Participants included Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the BRICS countries.

This was the first meeting of the BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors under India Chairship in 2021.

10. The Railway Ministry has targeted 100% electrification of the Broad Gauge Rail Network by which of the following year?

- (a) 2026
- (b) 2030
- (c) 2025
- (d) 2023
- (e) 2024

Answer: D

The Railway Ministry has targeted 100 per cent electrification of the Broad Gauge rail network by December 2023.

Recently, Indian Railways' West Central Railway zone gets fully electrified, after Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS) Inspection and Commissioning of electrification of Kota – Chittaurgarh railway section (Srinagar – Jalindri) in the state of Rajasthan, West Central Railways has become the first fully electrified railway zone in the country.

The zonal railway now boasts 3012 Route Km electrified networks.

11. India's Military Farms closed after how many years of Service which were set up with sole requirement of supplying hygienic cow's milk to troops billeted in various garrisons across British India?

- (a) 129
- (b) 132
- (c) 131
- (d) 125

(e) 100

Answer: B

Military Farms were set up with the sole requirement of supplying hygienic cow's milk to troops billeted in various garrisons across British India.

First Military farm was raised on 01 Feb 1889 at Allahabad.

After independence Military Farms flourished with 30,000 heads of cattle in 130 Military Farms all over India in varied Agro-climatic conditions.

Military Farms were even established in Leh and Kargil in the late 1990s, with the role of supplying fresh and hygienic milk to troops at their locations on a daily basis.

Another major task was management of large tracts of defence land, production and supply of Baled Hay to animal holding units.

After 132 years of glorious service to the nation, curtains were drawn on this organisation.

All the officers and workers have been redeployed within the ministry to continue providing service to the organisation.

12. Union Minister for Finance

Nirmala Sitharaman has participated in the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors. What edition of the meeting was held recently?

- (a) 4th
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 2nd
- (d) 5th
- (e) 1st

Answer: C

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt.

Nirmala Sitharaman participated virtually in the Second G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the Italian Presidency to discuss policy responses to global challenges to restore strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth.

Smt. Sitharaman stated that India has covered over 87 million citizens in its vaccination drive so far and has supplied over 64 million doses to 84 countries, including 10 million doses as grant.

For boosting support to the most vulnerable economies, the Finance Minister supported extending the Debt Service Suspension Initiative, by six months, till December 2021.

13. Which of the following has tied up with Jana Small Finance Bank to offer investment services through a 3-in-1 account?

- (a) ICICI Securities
- (b) PNB Securities
- (c) Axis Securities
- (d) SBI Securities
- (e) Kotak Securities

Answer: C

Jana Small Finance Bank announced its tie-up with Axis Securities to offer investment services through a 3-in-1 account.

The 3-in-1 account integrates Savings Bank Account maintained by Jana Small Finance Bank

& Demat and Trading Accounts maintained by Axis Securities.

Jana Small Finance Bank
HQ – Bengaluru, Karnataka
CEO- Ajay Kanwal

14. In April 2021, The Reserve Bank of India has expanded which of the following facilities to non-bank payment system firms?

- (a) RTGS
- (b) Insurance
- (c) All of these
- (d) Priority Sector Lending
- (e) Cheque & DD

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India expanded the Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) facilities to non-bank payment system firms.

Until now, the Centralised Payment Systems (CPSs) were limited to banks only.

It is now proposed to enable non-bank payment system operators like Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) issuers, card networks, White label ATM operators and Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platforms regulated by the Reserve Bank, to take direct membership in Centralised Payment Systems (CPSs)

15. ReNew Power Pvt has planned to invest \$_____ billion in wind and solar projects through 2025 to reduce emissions.

- (a) 5billion
- (b) 10billion
- (c) 9billion
- (d) 7billion
- (e) 8billion

Answer: C

ReNew Power Pvt., one of India's biggest renewable power producers, plans to invest \$9 billion in wind and solar projects through 2025 amid a government-backed effort to reduce emissions. The Gurugram, India-based company will look at building its own projects as well as acquisitions for growth.

India, the world's third-biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, aims to reduce its dependence on coal and expand renewable power capacity almost five-fold to 450 gigawatts by 2030, a \$20 billion a year investment opportunity through the end of the decade, according to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

16. In April 2021, ViratKohli has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which among the following?

- (a) Vivo
- (b) Classplus
- (c) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- (d) PepsiCo
- (e) Cuemath

Answer: A

Vivo has named ViratKohli, the king of world cricket and captain of the Indian cricket team, as its new brand ambassador.

Vivo Communication Technology Co. Ltd., stylized as Vivo, is a Chinese technology company headquartered in Dongguan, Guangdong.

17. Name the mission under which the government has approved a commission to train civil servants at all levels.

- (a) National Digital Health Mission
- (b) National Literacy Mission
- (c) Karmayogi
- (d) DHRUV – PM Innovative Learning Programme
- (e) SahakarMitra Scheme

Answer: C

The government approved a commission under the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB), also known as 'Mission Karmayogi', to train civil servants at all levels.

The approved Capacity Building Commission will coordinate with and supervise all the government offices, training institutes to monitor and evaluate the implementation of plans and create shared resources.

The Commission will comprise a Chairperson and two Members.

According to a Personnel Ministry order issued, former Quality Council of India (QCI) chief AdilZainulbhai has been appointed as the chairperson of this Commission.

18. Bank lending to NBFCs (other than microfinance institutions) for on-lending to _____ would

continue to be classified as priority sector lending for six more months.

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) MSME
- (c) Housing
- (d) Only 1 & 2
- (e) All of the above

Answer: E

Bank lending to non-banking finance companies/NBFCs (other than microfinance institutions) for on-lending to agriculture, MSME and housing will continue to be classified as priority sector lending (PSL) for six more months, according to the Reserve Bank of India.

The dispensation, whereby bank lending to NBFCs for on-lending to specified sectors was recognised as PSL, was available from August 13, 2019 till March 31, 2021.

But now it has been further extended for another six months, up to September 30.

19. Reserve Bank of India has enhanced the loan limit under priority sector lending from _____ lakh to 75 lakh per borrower.

- (a) ₹ 50 Lakh
- (b) ₹ 25 Lakh
- (c) ₹ 30 Lakh
- (d) ₹ 40 Lakh
- (e) ₹ 20 Lakh

Answer: A

With a view to encouraging farm credit to individual farmers against pledge/ hypothecation of agricultural

produce, the RBI has enhanced the loan limit under PSL from ₹50 lakh to ₹75 lakh per borrower. This enhanced limit is against the pledge/ hypothecation of agricultural produce backed by Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (NWRs)/electronic-NWRs (e-NWRs) issued by warehouses registered with the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA).

For other Warehouse Receipts, the loan limit for classification under PSL will continue to be ₹50 lakh per borrower.

20. OuhoumoudouMahamadou has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which among the following country?

- (a) Senegal
- (b) Nigeria
- (c) Chad
- (d) Niger
- (e) Mali

Answer: D

Niger's newly-elected President Mohamed Bazoum has appointed OuhoumoudouMahamadou as Prime Minister.

Mahamadou had also served as Niger's mines and energy minister and as finance minister.

Capital: Niamey

Currency: West African CFA franc

21. Name the minister who has launched the MadhuKranti portal and Honey Corners of National

Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation in New Delhi.

- (a) Thaawar Chand Gehlot
- (b) D.V. Sadananda Gowda
- (c) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- (d) Narendra Singh Tomar
- (e) Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Answer: D

Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched Madhu Kranti portal and Honey Corners of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation, NAFED in New Delhi.

This portal is being developed for online registration to achieve a traceability source of Honey and other beehive products on a digital platform.

Madhu Kranti portal is an initiative of National Bee Board under National Beekeeping and Honey Mission.

An MoU between National Bee Board and Indian Bank was signed for this project.

22. Who has addressed the Association of Indian Universities' at the 95th annual meet and National Seminar of Vice-Chancellors through video conferencing?

- (a) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- (b) Rao Inderjit Singh
- (c) Kiren Rijiju
- (d) Prakash Javadekar
- (e) Narendra Modi

Answer: E

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the Association of Indian Universities' 95th annual meet and National Seminar of Vice-Chancellors through video conferencing.

The Prime Minister will also release four books--

Dr Ambedkar Jivan Darshan,

Dr Ambedkar Vyakti Darshan,

Dr Ambedkar Rashtra Darshan, and

Dr Ambedkar Aayam Darshan-- based on Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar's life, written by

Kishor Makwana.

The event is being hosted by

Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University,

Ahmedabad. Governor and Chief Minister of Gujarat and Union Education Minister will also be present on the occasion.

A National Seminar of Vice-Chancellors on the theme 'Implementing National Educational Policy- 2020 to Transform Higher Education in India' is also being organised during the meet.

23. On April 8, which of the following day has celebrated?

- (a) International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance
- (b) National Maritime day
- (c) World Homeopathy Day
- (d) International Roma Day
- (e) National Safe Motherhood Day

Answer: D

International Roma Day (8 April) is a day to celebrate Romani culture, history and language, and

to raise awareness of the issues Romani people still face.

It was officially declared in 1990 during the 4th World Romani Congress, in honour of the first major international meeting of Roma representatives, 7-12 April 1971, in Orpington near London, UK.

24. Name the applications which were launched by the Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, to strengthen the e-Governance structure and to bring transparency in the System.

- (a) HamariSadak
- (b) TameerTaraqqi
- (c) ApurtiSuvidha
- (d) Only a & b
- (e) Only b & c

Answer: D

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha launched JK Public Works- Online Management, Monitoring and Accounting System (JKPW-OMMAS), besides two apps- 'HamariSadak' & 'TameerTaraqqi' of J&K Public Works (R&B) department.

The online initiatives have been developed through the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and J&K e-Governance agency.

Now, people can register and track their grievances regarding the PW (R&B) department through the 'HamariSadak' app, while 'TameerTaraqqi' app will ensure effective project supervision by dynamic update of project status by the field staff.

25. Which among the following UT/State has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited to set up a 50MW solar power project?

- (a) Lakshadweep
- (b) Puducherry
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Chandigarh
- (e) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer: C

In a step towards making Ladakh a carbon-neutral zone a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding was signed.

Union Territory Administration, Leh Hill Council and Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI Ltd) have signed MoU to set up a 50 MW solar power project at Taru in Leh district.

Ladakh has a potential of 33GW of renewable energy to contribute to the nation's efforts in reducing carbon emissions.

Capital – Leh

Lieutenant Governor - Radha Krishna Mathur

26. India has contributed an additional USD 500,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund to _____.

- (a) International Partnerships
- (b) Human Security
- (c) Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Achievement
- (d) Counter-Terrorism
- (e) Victims of Trafficking in Persons

Answer: D

India has contributed an additional USD 500,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism, taking the country's donation to the UN office set up to combat terrorism to over USD 1 million.

With this amount, India's total contribution to it so far is USD 1.05 million.

The UN Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism was established by the Secretary-General in 2009. It receives funding for UNOCT's programme of work, providing technical assistance and capacity building support to Member States through the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) and the Special Projects and Innovation Branch (SPIB), according to its website.

27. Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has launched an initiative on School Education called SARTHAQ. It would help for the implementation of National Education Policy in the country. In SARTHAQ, 'Q' stands for:

- (a) Quality
- (b) Quantity
- (c) Qualification
- (d) Queue
- (e) Query

Answer: A

Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched an initiative School Education called 'Students' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement through Quality Education (SARTHAQ) which will

help in the implementation of National Education Policy in the country.

The students and teachers holistic advancement through quality education, SARTHAQ has been initiated as a part of the Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

28. On Apr 8 2021, which of the following schemes has celebrated its 6th anniversary?

- (a) PradhanMantri Jan DhanYojana
- (b) PradhanMantriJeevanJyotiBimaYojana
- (c) PradhanMantri Mudra Yojana
- (d) Atal Pension Yojana
- (e) PradhanMantriSurakshaBimaYojana

Answer: C

The Ministry of Finance has stated that Banks & other Financial Institutions have sanctioned 28.68 Crore beneficiaries worth INR 14.96 Lakh Crore (as of March 2021) under PradhanMantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), since its launch in 2015.

PradhanMantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on April 8, 2015 for providing loans upto Rs.10 Lakh to the non-corporate, non-farm small/micro enterprises.

- More than 28.68 crore loans for an amount of Rs 14.96 lakh crore have been sanctioned since launch of the scheme (as on 19.03.2021)
- 4.20 crore PMMY loans sanctioned in 2020-21 and Rs. 2.66 lakh Crore sanctioned in FY 2020-21 (As on 19.03.2021)
- The average ticket size of the loans is about Rs 52,000/-
- 88% of the loans are of 'SHISHU' category

- Almost 24% of the loans have been given to New entrepreneurs
- About 68% of the loans have been given to women entrepreneurs
- About 51% of the loans have been given to SC/ST/OBC borrowers.
- SCs and STs constitute 22.53 % of the borrowers
- OBCs constitute 28.42% of the borrowers
- About 11% of the loans have been given to Minority community borrowers.
- As per a survey conducted by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, PMMY helped in generating 1.12 crore net additional employment from 2015 to 2018. Out of the 1.12 crore of estimated increase in employment, Women accounted for 69 lakh (62%).

29. According to the JalJeevan Mission annual action plan, every rural household in which state would get tap water connection by November 1, 2022?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Assam
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Odisha

Answer: D

Every rural household in Haryana will get tap water connection by November 1, 2022 while Odisha will achieve the same by 2024, according to the JalJeevan Mission (JJM) annual action plan

presented by the two states to the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Haryana State has 31.03 lakh rural households, out of which 26.93 lakh (86.8%) rural households are provided with tap connections as on 31st March, 2021. In 2021-22, the State plans to provide 4.09 lakh tap connections.

In 2021-22, Odisha plans to provide piped water supply in 29,749 schools and 43,727 Anganwadi Centre thereby ensuring that 100% tap water connection is provided in all the schools, dharamshalas and anganwadicentre for drinking, cooking mid-day meal, handwashing and use in toilets.

Odisha has set 2023-24 as the target year for providing 100% Functional Household Tap Water Connection in every rural household.

30. Thermal power plants units in "non-attainment cities" and those within 10 kilometres of critically polluted areas are required to meet the emission norms by December 31, ____.

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2023
- (e) 2024

Answer: D

The Environment Ministry has amended rules allowing thermal power plants within 10 kilometres of the National Capital Region (NCR) and in cities with more than 10 lakh population to comply with

new emission norms by the end of 2022, according to official notification.

Also, TPP units in "non-attainment cities" and those within 10 kilometres of critically polluted areas are required to meet the emission norms by December 31, 2023.

Coal-fired power plants in the rest of the areas have to comply with the new standards by December 31, 2024, according to the notification.

31. According to the National Savings Institute data (2017-18), West Bengal is the largest contributor to the Small Savings Schemes with Rs. 90,000 crore contribution, which accounts for _____ per cent of the total gross National Small Saving Fund contributions.

- (a) 12%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 13%
- (d) 14%
- (e) 16%

Answer: B

According to the latest available data (2017-18), West Bengal, which accounts for the highest collection of about Rs 90,000 crore from small savings schemes such as NSC and PPF among the states and union territories, which is about 15 percent of the total corpus.

It is followed by Uttar Pradesh, the largest state in terms of population, with gross collection of Rs 69,660.70 crore out of the Rs 5.96 lakh crore garnered during 2017-18 (last updated), as per data

collated by the National Savings Institute under the finance ministry.

The National Savings Institute is a body under the Department of Economic Affairs of the finance ministry.

Capital - Kolkata

Chief Minister - Mamata Banerjee

Governor - Jagdeep Dhankar

32. Which of the following institute has ranked as the best higher education institutes in India as per the recently published Academic Ranking of World Universities?

- (a) University of Delhi
- (b) Jawaharlal Nehru University
- (c) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
- (d) The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- (e) Birla Institute of Technology and Science

Answer: D

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc Bangalore) has secured the top position among the best higher education institutes in India, while Calcutta University became the best varsity in the country, as per the recently published Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU 2020).

At the Global Level, Harvard University (USA) was ranked as the Best University followed by Stanford University (USA) & the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom).

Meanwhile worldwide, the Indian institutes are not even in the top 100 list, the best higher education

institute, (IISc Bangalore) is in the category of 501-600.

33. Which of the following city has hosted the 3rd meeting of the India-Bahrain High Joint Commission (HJC)?

- (a) Ahmedabad
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Hyderabad

Answer: D

The Third meeting of the India-Bahrain High Joint Commission (HJC) was held in New Delhi on 7 April 2021.

The meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs of India and H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

While expressing satisfaction at the current bilateral trade and investment ties, both sides reaffirmed that there remains significant untapped potential.

They noted the progress made by Mumtalakat, the sovereign wealth fund of Bahrain and the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India to promote Bahraini investment in India.

India & Bahrain are set to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their diplomatic relations.

It was agreed that the fourth meeting of the High Joint Commission would be held in Bahrain, dates for which will be decided through diplomatic channels.

34. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Seychelles President WavelRamkalawan jointly inaugurated the new Magistrates' Court building. It has been completed with grant assistance of USD_____million from the Government of India.

- (a) USD2.5million
- (b) USD6.3million
- (c) USD5.5million
- (d) USD3.5million
- (e) USD1.5 million

Answer: D

Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi participated in a virtual event with the President of Seychelles, H.E. WavelRamkalawan.

Prime Minister Modi and President Ramkalawan jointly inaugurated the new Magistrates' Court building in Seychelles.

The building is the first Indian assisted infrastructure project in Seychelles and has been completed with grant assistance of USD 3.5 million from the Government of India. Situated in the heart of Seychelles' capital city of Victoria,

During the event, the Prime Minister and the President of Seychelles also jointly e-inaugurated a 1 MW ground mounted Solar Power Plant built with Indian grant assistance in Romainville Island of Seychelles.

During the event, Ten (10) Indian High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) in Seychelles were also e-inaugurated by the two dignitaries.

PM Modi also handed over a 48.9 m Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) called 'PS Zoroaster' to the President of Seychelles.

The FPV is built by M/s GRSE, Kolkata at a cost of INR 100 crore

35. Who among the following had a meeting with the World Bank group president David Malpass through virtual mode?

- (a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (b) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Ramnath Singh
- (e) Shakti Kanta Das

Answer: A

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and President World Bank Group David Malpass met through virtual mode. Ms Sitharaman and Mr Malpass discussed various issues including Covid Vaccination, economic recovery, World Bank Group lending envelope for India and India's strategy of green resilient and inclusive development. Ms Sitharaman welcomed the initiative of World Bank Group for increasing lending space for India to enhance availability of finance for development.

36. Which of the following international organization has approved a USD 484-million loan to improve transport connectivity and road maintenance in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor in Tamil Nadu?

- (a) ADB

(b) World Bank

(c) AIIB

(d) IMF

(e) UNESCO

Answer: A

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 484-million loan to improve transport connectivity and road maintenance in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu.

The project will upgrade about 590 km of state highways in the CKIC influence areas.

Established in 1966, ADB is owned by 68 members — 49 from the region.

37. U GRO Capital has partnered with which of the following banks for the launch of GRO Smart Business credit card, powered by RuPay, along with EnKash?

- (a) Citi Bank
- (b) Standard Chartered Bank
- (c) HSBC India.
- (d) SBM Bank
- (e) DBS Bank

Answer: D

U GRO Capital announced its partnership with SBM Bank India for the launch of GRO Smart Business credit card.

Powered by RuPay, along with EnKash, these are a range of secured credit cards specially designed for under-banked micro, small and medium enterprises.

MSMEs eligible for the business loans from U GRO Capital would be extended incremental funds to open an FD account with SBM Bank and the credit card would be offered against the security of an FD maintained by the applicant in his name

38. In April 2021, the Securities and Exchange Board of India has imposed a 25 Cr fine on the promoters of _____ for the violation of the takeover code regulations in 2000.

- (a) ONGC
- (b) BhartiAirtel
- (c) Tata Motors
- (d) Reliance Industries Ltd
- (e) Mahindra & Mahindra

Answer: D

Reliance Industries Chairman MukeshAmbani will appeal against the fine imposed by market regulator SEBI over alleged irregularities in a two-decade-old share issue in the company.

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) had issued debentures with convertible warrants in 1994 and allotted equity shares against the warrants in 2000.

The show-cause notice has now been adjudicated (21 years after the acquisition of shares) and a penalty of Rs 25 crore levied on the then promoter and promoter group -- brothers Mukesh and Anil (who had split the company after the death of their father in 2002) and other individuals.

39. Name the sailor who has become the first Indian woman sailor to qualify for the Olympics.

- (a) PratibhaJamwal
- (b) P Swathi
- (c) S Vijaya Devi
- (d) NavikaSagarParikrama
- (e) NethraKumanan

Answer: E

Four sailors created history from India by qualifying for this year's Tokyo Olympics. Vishnu Saravanan and the pair of GanapathyChengappa and VarunThakkar made the cut during the ongoing Asian Qualifiers in Oman.

NethraKumanan became the first Indian woman sailor to qualify for the Olympics after she was assured of a top-place finish in the laser radial event of the Asian Qualifiers in Oman.

Kumanan will be the 10th Indian to qualify for a sailing event in the Olympics, but all the earlier nine have been male athletes.

40. The World Table Tennis Day (WTTD) marks the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. WTTD is observed every year on which date?

- (a) Apr 6
- (b) Apr 8
- (c) Apr 7
- (d) Apr 4
- (e) Apr 5

Answer: A

World Table Tennis Day has been annually celebrated on April 6 since 2015, also marking the

International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.

WTDD 2021 aims to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

41. The Author 'Yatindra Mishra' has translated the book titled "Akhtari: The Life and Music of Begum Akhtar" in English. The book is originally written in which language?

- (a) Urdu
- (b) Hindi
- (c) Sanskrit
- (d) Marathi
- (e) Tamil

Answer: B

Akhtari: The Life and Music of Begum Akhtar, a new book to remember about the life and singing experience of great Indian Singer Begum Akhtar or Akhtari Bai Faizabadi.

It was originally written in Hindi, is now available in English, edited by Yatindra Mishra and published by HarperCollins India.

The book will be released on April 30.

42. In April 2021, the Supreme Court-appointed panel has submitted its report about which of the following laws?

- (a) Triple talaq
- (b) Company Law
- (c) POSCO Law
- (d) Labour Code

(e) Agricultural reform Law

Answer: E

A Supreme Court-appointed panel has submitted its report on the three agricultural reform laws in a closed cover.

The report will be revealed during the next hearing of the case.

Members of the Committee – Pramod Kumar Joshi, Anil Ghanwat, Ashok Gulati

The three laws which were passed by Parliament in September and are being opposed by farmers' unions are The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act and The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act.

43. Which of the following day is celebrated every year on April 9?

- (a) World Table Tennis Day
- (b) World Homeopathy Day
- (c) Central Reserve Police Force Valour Day
- (d) National Maritime Day
- (e) World Liver Day

Answer: C

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day is observed on 9 April every year, as a tribute to the brave men of the Force.

The 9th April 2021 marks the observance of the 56th CRPF Valour Day.

It was on this day in 1965, a small contingent of CRPF created history by defeating an invading

Pakistani army, several times larger, at the Sardar Post located in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.

The CRPF men eliminated 34 Pakistani soldiers and captured four alive. In the conflict, CRPF lost six personnel who had attained martyrdom.

44. Which among the following has joined hands with Atal Innovation Mission for innovations in public systems for improving public services?

- (a) Central Information Commission
- (b) Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- (c) Centre for Innovations in Public Systems
- (d) Central Vigilance Commission
- (e) Central Bureau of Investigation

Answer: C

The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS) announced collaboration to reinforce the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in India by developing a database of innovations in public systems for improving public services, amongst other things

A Statement of Intent (Sol) was signed between AIM & CIPS. The purpose of Sol is to jointly work to promote innovation and entrepreneurship especially in the area of public systems by leveraging the knowledge and experience of AIM as well as the reach of CIPS.

45. The Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre attended a consultation meeting of Education

Ministers of E9 countries. What is the theme of the meeting?

- (a) E9 initiative: Scaling up digital learning
- (b) E9 Mission: Accelerate digital learning
- (c) E9 Innovation: Investment in skills
- (d) E9 Aim: Narrowing the digital divide
- (e) E9 Campaign: Education financing

Answer: A

Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre will attend a consultation meeting of Education Ministers of E9 countries.

The meeting will be held on the theme, E9 initiative: Scaling up digital learning to accelerate progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 4.

The UN is spearheading a global initiative on digital learning and skills for all, targeting marginalized children and youth and aiming to close the digital divide and drive rapid change in education systems. This initiative focuses on three of the five priorities of the 2020 Global Education meeting Declaration: supporting teachers; investing in skills; and narrowing the digital divide.

46. On April 2021, The Reserve Bank of India has released the latest average base rate which works as a benchmark interest rate for _____.

- (a) Non-Banking Financial Companies
- (b) Micro Finance Institutions
- (c) Both a & b
- (d) Foreign Banks in India
- (e) Both b & d

Answer: B

RBI has released the latest average base rate which works as a benchmark interest rate for Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs).

This rate is the average base rate of 5 largest commercial banks in India which has fallen by 0.15% from 7.96% to 7.81% for the quarter ending March 31, 2021.

At the end of each quarter, the RBI releases this data which works as a benchmark for the NBFCs and MFIs to arrive at the interest rate they charge from the borrowers in the following quarter.

47. The Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar participated in the virtual Climate and Development Ministerial. The meeting has been hosted by which of the following countries?

- (a) France
- (b) Germany
- (c) Australia
- (d) USA
- (e) UK

Answer: E

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar participated in the virtual Climate and Development Ministerial meet in the run up to COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference 2021.

The UK hosted the Climate Development Ministerial. The meeting took place in the run up to the 2021 United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference

(COP26), which will be hosted by the UK in Glasgow this coming November.

48. Which of the following has framed the guidelines on contribution to set up Limited Purpose Clearing Corporation by Asset Management Companies of MFIs?

- (a) SEBI
- (b) RBI
- (c) NABARD
- (d) Ministry of Finance
- (e) NHB

Answer: A

SEBI modified its framework relating to the guidelines on contribution to set up Limited Purpose Clearing Corporation (LPCC) by Asset Management Companies (AMCs) of Mutual Funds (MFs).

Sebi said the contribution of AMCs will be based on average Assets under management (AUM) of debt oriented schemes for the financial year 2020-21.

The LPCC is an entity established to undertake the activity of clearing and settlement of repo transactions.

49. What is the rank of Reliance Industries' chairman Mukesh Ambani in the Forbes' annual world's billionaires list?

- (a) 15
- (b) 11
- (c) 9
- (d) 10
- (e) 8

Answer: D

Forbes' annual world's billionaires list includes a record-breaking 2,755 billionaires, with Amazon.com Inc founder Jeff Bezos topping it for the fourth consecutive year.

This year's billionaires are worth a combined \$13.1 trillion, up from \$8 trillion last year.

With an estimated net worth of \$84.5 billion, Reliance Industries' chairman Mukesh Ambani, Asia's richest man, is ranked at number 10.

With 724 billionaires, the US has the highest number of billionaires in the world followed by China with 626 billionaires. With 140 billionaires and 136 billionaires, India and Germany secured the 3rd and 4th spot.

This year's list has 493 newcomers, including Whitney Wolfe Herd, chief executive of dating app Bumble, which went public this year.

Ran k	Name	Net Worth
1	Jeff Bezos	177 Billion
2	Elon Musk	151 Billion
3	Bernard Arnault	150 Billion

50. Sivasubramanian Ramann has taken charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Small Industries Development Bank of India. The headquarters of SIDBI located in _____.

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Lucknow

(d) New Delhi

(e) Mumbai

Answer: C

Sivasubramanian Ramann took charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). Prior to this appointment, Ramann was serving as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL), India's first information utility.

SIDBI headquarters is located in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

51. In April 2021, Byju's has acquired the tutorial chain _____ in cash and the stock deal estimated at \$950 million, sealing its largest buyout.

- (a) Aakash Educational Services Ltd
- (b) WhiteHat Education Technology
- (c) Tutorvista
- (d) Tangible Play Inc.
- (e) SPAN Thoughtworks Private Ltd.

Answer: A

Byju's is acquiring tutorial chain Aakash Educational Services Ltd (AESL) in cash and the stock deal estimated at \$950 million, sealing its largest buyout. This acquisition (AESL) will help Byju's cross the \$1 billion mark in revenues for the next financial year. Byju's buyout of AESL is among the largest acquisitions by an Indian startup — bigger than Snapdeal's purchase of Freecharge for \$400 million in 2015 and Flipkart's acquisition of Myntra for an estimated \$330 million in 2014.

52. How many principal firms have been approved to acquire by Sundaram Asset Management Company Limited?

- (a) 6
- (b) 2
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 3

Answer: E

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed combination relates to the acquisition of 100% of the issued and paid-up equity share capital of: (i) Principal Asset Management Private Limited (PAMPL); (ii) Principal Trustee Company Private Limited (PTCPL) and (iii) Principal Retirement Advisors Private Limited (PRAPL) by Sundaram Asset Management Company Limited (SAMC).

As part of the proposed combination, the schemes of the Principal Mutual Fund (PMF) shall be transferred to Sundaram Mutual Fund (SMF) and the trusteeship and management of the PMF schemes shall be transferred to Sundaram Trustee Company Limited (STCL) and SAMC, respectively ("Proposed Combination")

Further, this market could be segmented into three markets, the market for equity oriented mutual funds schemes in India, the market for debt oriented mutual funds schemes in India and the market for hybrid mutual funds schemes in India.

53. Dr Harsh Vardhan has virtually launched the Integrated Health Information Platform. The new version of IHIP would track 33 diseases as compared to the earlier _____ diseases.

- (a) 28
- (b) 15
- (c) 20
- (d) 10
- (e) 18

Answer: E

The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan virtually launched the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) which is the next generation highly refined version of the presently used Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP).

India is the first country in the world to adopt such an advanced disease surveillance system. In addition to tracking 33 diseases now as compared to the earlier 18 diseases.

This is the world's biggest online disease surveillance platform, he stated that it is in sync with the National Digital Health Mission and fully compatible with the other digital information systems presently being used in India.

He further observed that the platform is a success story of the 'Make in India' initiative and a step towards Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's dream of Atma-Nirbhar Swastha Bharat.

54. The Supreme Court has unveiled its Artificial Intelligence (AI) portal, designed to make research

easier for judges, thereby easing their workload.

Name the AI Portal.

- (a) SUPACE
- (b) SAUBHAGYA
- (c) RAISE
- (d) SCAN
- (e) Easy 4Wrk

Answer: A

The Supreme Court unveiled its Artificial Intelligence (AI) portal SUPACE, designed to make research easier for judges, thereby easing their workload.

A pet project of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde, the Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency (SUPACE) is a tool that collects relevant facts and laws and makes them available to a judge. Chief Justice of India SA Bobde described it as a 'hybrid system' and 'a perfect blend of human intelligence and machine learning' that does wonders when paired with human intelligence. He stated that AI is better at processing words and figures; hence it will only collect all the necessary important data, discover facts, and present it to the Judges, the final call will rest with the Judges.

55. Which of the following teams has topped the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Men's Cricket World Cup Super League standings?

- (a) India
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) England
- (d) Pakistan
- (e) Australia

Answer: C

India moved up to seventh position on the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Men's Cricket World Cup Super League standings. England remains the top-ranked team in the standings with 40 points.

While England are on 40 points, India are on 29. Teams that finish within the top eight will gain automatic qualification for the 2023 World Cup which is scheduled to be held in India.

The Super League started on July 30, 2020 with England's three-match series against Ireland. It includes the 12 full members of the ICC along with the Netherlands, who won the 2015-17 ICC World Cricket League Championship to qualify for the competition.

56. Poseidon 2M39 is a new 'super-torpedo' that could create "radioactive tsunamis. It was tested by which among the following countries?

- (a) Iraq
- (b) Israel
- (c) China
- (d) Russia
- (e) North Korea

Answer: D

Vladimir Putin is testing a terrifying new 'super-torpedo' that could create "radioactive tsunamis", according to reports.

Satellite images show that Russia is consolidating its grip on the Arctic by building new military bases.

Russia would deploy the Poseidon 2M39 missile to its Arctic region next summer.

Russia has the world's longest Arctic coastline and derives about a quarter of its GDP from the region

57. April 6 has declared as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace by the United Nations General Assembly. The day was first celebrated in which year?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2020
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2010

Answer: C

April 6 is the United Nations' (UN) International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, which recognizes the power of sport in promoting peace and erasing cultural barriers worldwide.

6 April was declared the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 2013, and has been celebrated each year since 2014..

This date also marks the opening of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896.

58. The UNESCO has commemorated the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. It was established by the UNGA in which year?

- (a) 2002
- (b) 2003

- (c) 2000
- (d) 2001
- (e) 2005

Answer: B

On 7 April, UNESCO commemorates the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, which was established by the United Nations General Assembly (link is external) in 2003.

The date marks the beginning of the genocide perpetrated against members of the Tutsi minority by the Hutu extremist-led government.

The commemoration is being organized by UNESCO and the University of Southern California Shoah Foundation UNESCO Chair on Genocide Education, with the Permanent Delegation of Rwanda to UNESCO, in partnership with Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes (GAAMAC).

59. Which among the following day is celebrated on March 31?

- (a) World Veterinary Day
- (b) World Malaria Day
- (c) World Intellectual Property Day
- (d) World Backup Day
- (e) National Panchayati Raj Day

Answer: D

World Backup Day on March 31st reminds us to protect our precious digital documents as we've become more reliant on technology.

World Backup Day originally began as World Backup Month, started by a hard drive company by

the name of Maxtor which was later acquired by Seagate Technology.

60. Which among the following state has released an amount of Rs 52 crore for 52 districts of the state for the prevention of the Covid-19 epidemic?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Nagaland

Answer: D

Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan has released an amount of Rs 52 crore for 52 districts of the state.

An amount of Rs one crore from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to each district has been released for the prevention of the Covid-19 epidemic.

The amount will be utilised in purchase of necessary equipment, provision of food and clothes in rehabilitation camps, operation of medical camps.

An interdepartmental committee will be set up under the chairmanship of the District Collector in relation to the expenditure made available from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

61. India's fuel demand has contracted by a massive 9.1% in the financial year ended March 31. The demand contraction was led by _____, the most-consumed fuel in the country.

- (a) LPG
- (b) Petrol

- (c) Diesel
- (d) Jet Fuel
- (e) LNG

Answer: C

India's fuel demand contracted by a massive 9.1 per cent in the financial year ended March 31.

India consumed 194.63 million tonnes of petroleum products in 2020-21 as compared with 214.12 million tonnes demand in the previous year, according to the latest data released by the oil ministry's Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC).

This is the first time that the fuel consumption has contracted since 1998-99, the most historical year for which government data is available.

The demand contraction was led by diesel, the most-consumed fuel in the country. Diesel consumption fell 12 per cent to 72.72 million tonnes while petrol demand shrank 6.7 per cent to 27.95 million tonnes

62. President Joe Biden has invited India to participate in their virtual summit on climate starting on Earth Day. When is the Earth Day celebrated?

- (a) Apr 22
- (b) May 19
- (c) Apr 25
- (d) May 10
- (e) June 1

Answer: A

President Joe Biden has invited 40 world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to a US-

hosted virtual summit on climate next month to underscore the urgency and the economic benefits of stronger climate action.

Biden will host a two-day climate summit of world leaders starting on Earth Day, April 22, in which he will outline the US goal for reductions of carbon emissions by 2030 -- known as the nationally determined contribution under the historic Paris accord.

By the time of the summit, the United States will announce an ambitious 2030 emissions target as its new Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement, the White House said.

The summit will reconvene the US-led Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate, which brings together 17 countries responsible for approximately 80 percent of global emissions and global GDP.

63. India and the Netherlands have agreed to demonstrate ambition and explore setting up 25 CoEs by which year in Agri related sectors?

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2024
- (c) 2025
- (d) 2026
- (e) 2027

Answer: C

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, and H.E. Mr. Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, co-chaired a Virtual Summit between India and the Netherlands on April 9, 2021.

The Netherlands is concerned and agreed to launch 'Strategic Partnership on Water'. The two leaders noted the progress made by the Joint Working Group on Water and agreed to elevate it to the Ministerial level.

They also agreed to demonstrate ambition and explore setting up 25 CoEs by 2025 in Agri related sectors.

The two leaders look forward to India's participation at the International Horticultural Expo Floriade in Almere in 2022.

India & Netherlands have also partnered under the EU India Joint Call "Towards a Next Generation Influenza Vaccine to Protect Citizens Worldwide" in which three projects with Dutch

They welcomed the upcoming India-EU Leaders' Meeting in Portugal in May 2021 which will set a new milestone for India-EU Strategic Partnership.

64. German lender Deutsche Bank AG would lend approximately _____ crore to the National Cooperative Development Corporation for financing farmer cooperative initiatives in the country.

- (a) ₹ 750Crore
- (b) ₹ 300Crore
- (c) ₹ 600Crore
- (d) ₹ 500Crore
- (e) ₹ 450 Crore

Answer: C

Leading German lender Deutsche Bank AG will lend €68.87 million (nearly ₹600 crore) to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), a

development finance statutory institution under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, for financing farmer cooperative initiatives in the country.

The funds will be used mainly to support NCDC's activities around Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).

Along with NABARD and Small Farmer Agri-Business Consortium, NCDC is the lead agency for 10,000 new FPOs which will be set up over the next few years in the country.

NCDC would also sign a memorandum of understanding with Kolkata-based Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Through this pact, the ICC will help FPOs sell their produce to the private sector as well as create capacity building for finding an export market.

65. Which of the following has announced the acquisition of AI-based technology company Nuance Communications for \$19.7 billion in an all-cash transaction?

- (a) Google
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) IBM
- (d) TCS
- (e) Wipro

Answer: B

Microsoft has announced the acquisition of AI-based technology company Nuance Communications for \$19.7 billion in an all-cash transaction.

This is Microsoft's second-costliest acquisition after LinkedIn (\$26.2 billion in 2016). The transaction is expected to close this year.

Nuance, based in Burlington, Mass., was a pioneer in speech recognition and artificial intelligence technology.

66. Name the one of the founders of the Social Democratic Party, who has passed away recently.

- (a) Larry King
- (b) Cloris Leachman
- (c) Neil Sheehan
- (d) Shirley Williams
- (e) Paul Crutzen

Answer: D

Veteran politician and Liberal Democrat peer Baroness Shirley Williams has died.

She was hailed as a "Liberal lion and a true trailblazer" by Lib Dem leader Sir Ed Davey.

Originally a Labour MP, she was part of the "Gang of Four" who quit the party to found the Social Democratic Party.

She was a leading member of the 1970s Labour government and one of the first women cabinet ministers.

Her career in politics spanned more than 50 years, after she first entered Parliament as the Labour MP for Hitchin in 1964.

She retired from political life in 2016, after leading the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords.

67. Which of the following organizations has set up its Asia's largest fulfillment Centre in Haryana?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Flipkart
- (c) eBay
- (d) Walmart
- (e) Ali Express

Answer: B

The Haryana government has approved an allotment of 140 acres of land to e-commerce major Flipkart for setting up its largest fulfillment centre in Asia, having a covered area of 3 million square feet in PatliHajipur in Gurugram.

Further, the company is planning to build a logistics campus in the National Capital Region, in proximity to Gurugram, as per the release.

68. Which of the following bank has acquired 9.9 per cent stake in Kerala Infrastructure Fund Management Ltd?

- (a) YES Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) Karnataka Bank

Answer: C

Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd (HDFC) has acquired a 9.9 per cent stake in Kerala Infrastructure Fund Management Ltd.

KIFML was promoted by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) to manage Kerala Infrastructure Fund.

The company, incorporated in November 2018, acts as an asset management company.

69. Which of the following country will host the 31st BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change in 2022?

- (a) Finland
- (b) Spain
- (c) France
- (d) South Africa
- (e) Poland

Answer: D

The 30th Session BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India & China) Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change hosted by India took place virtually. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

India is implementing one of the largest renewable energy expansion programmes with a target of achieving 175 GigaWatts renewable energy capacity by 2022 and 450 GigaWatts by 2030.

Installed capacity of solar energy in India has increased by more than 14 times between 2014 to 2020. In 2021, India announced a National Hydrogen Energy Mission for generation of hydrogen from green power sources. India's forest and tree cover sequestered around 15 percent of total CO2 emissions in 2016.

The Countries urged Developed nations to present a clear roadmap on their existing obligations to mobilise USD 100 Billion per year from 2021 to 2025.

South Africa to host the 31st BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change in 2022.

70. Which of the following Municipal Corporation has issued the country's first green bonds that were listed on BSE?

- (a) Meerut
- (b) Faridabad
- (c) Ghaziabad
- (d) Gurugram
- (e) Surat

Answer: C

The country's first green bonds, issued by Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation, were listed on BSE.

Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation, a civic body in Uttar Pradesh, has raised Rs 150 crore through the issuance of green bonds and the proceeds will be utilised for the tertiary water treatment plant to benefit industries in Ghaziabad.

71. Which of the following regulatory bodies would conduct the open market purchase of government securities of ₹ 25,000 crore under the G-sec Acquisition Programme in the first quarter of the financial year?

- (a) SIDBI
- (b) RBI
- (c) FSDC
- (d) IRDAI
- (e) IBBI

Answer: B

The Reserve Bank said the first purchase of government securities worth Rs 25,000 crore under the G-sec Acquisition Programme (G-SAP 1.0) will be done on April 15 with a view to enabling a stable and orderly evolution of the yield curve.

The RBI will conduct open market purchase of government securities (G-secs) of Rs 1 lakh crore under the G-SAP 1.0 in the first quarter of this financial year.

G-SAP will run alongside RBI's regular operations, including Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF), open market operations (OMOs) and Operation Twist

72. Which of the following has entered into a partnership with FlexiLoans to provide collateral free business loans for freelancers, women entrepreneurs, sole proprietors, and MSME?

- (a) PayPal
- (b) Amazon
- (c) eBay
- (d) Netflix
- (e) Klarna

Answer: A

PayPal entered into a partnership with FlexiLoans to provide freelancers, women entrepreneurs, sole proprietors, and SMEs with collateral-free business loans.

The partnership will enable borrowers to access term loans from ₹50,000 up to ₹1 crore through a fast, hassle-free process that requires minimum documentation to merchants across 1,500-plus cities and towns in India.

73. Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) announced that it has registered over 970 million digital transactions in March. Where is the headquarters of the Paytm payment bank located?

- (a) Noida
- (b) Navi Mumbai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) Kolkata

Answer: A

Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) announced that it has registered over 970 million digital transactions in March.

PPBL said that the record growth in digital transactions is largely owed to transactions in Paytm Wallet, PaytmFASTag, Paytm UPI, and internet banking over the last several quarters.

PPBL is opening on an average 1 million savings and current accounts a month. With over 64 million accounts, the bank's total deposits have crossed over ₹3200 crores.

PPBL claims to be the largest beneficiary bank for UPI transactions and registers the highest success rate in the industry.

The NPCI data also reveals that it has the lowest technical decline rate at 0.11% among all UPI remitter banks and 0.04% among all UPI beneficiary banks.

One97 Communications Limited that owns the brand Paytm is founded by Vijay Shekhar Sharma and is headquartered in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

74. The IMF has authorised a USD 650 billion expansion of the 190-nation lending institution's resources. Which among the following is an interest-bearing international reserve asset used by the International Monetary Fund?

- (a) SDR
- (b) Amortization
- (c) Arbitrage
- (d) Stock Splits
- (e) Coupon Bond

Answer: A

The International Monetary Fund has authorised a USD 650 billion expansion of the 190-nation lending institution's resources with the aim of providing more support for vulnerable countries as they battle the coronavirus pandemic.

IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said the USD 650 billion increase in reserves is the largest in IMF history.

Officials have indicated that the first distribution of the increased reserves could begin in August after a detailed plan is submitted for approval by the IMF's board of directors in June.

By comparison, to combat the global recession that followed the 2008 financial crisis, the IMF agreed to an increase of USD 250 billion in the IMF's reserves of what are known at the agency as Special Drawing Rights.

Special Drawing Rights, often referred to as SDRs, are an interest-bearing international reserve asset used by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

SDRs are also used as a supplementary foreign exchange reserve for countries who are IMF members.

As of October 2016, the basket of currencies used to value the XDR consists of the US dollar, the euro, the Chinese yuan, the Japanese yen, and the British pound sterling.

75. The 2021 Davis Cup Finals will be held in three cities, with Innsbruck and Turin joining Madrid as hosts. The Davis Cup is related to which of the following sports?

- (a) Table Tennis
- (b) Tennis
- (c) Squash
- (d) Cricket
- (e) Badminton

Answer: B

Davis Cup is related to Tennis.

The 2021 Davis Cup Finals will be held in three cities, with Innsbruck and Turin joining Madrid as hosts.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced that Madrid, Austrian city Innsbruck and Turin in Italy would host two of the six groups each, with the latter two both staging one quarter-final.

The competition was reformed in 2019, with Rafael Nadal's Spain winning the 18-team competition in Madrid, but scheduling issues resulted in a number of late finishes and poor attendance at some matches.

The Spanish capital will host two last-eight ties, the semi-finals and the final.

The finals will run from 25th November to 5th December 2021.

76. The central bank has revised its inflation-forecasting model dubbed as the Quarterly Projection Model 2.0. The new model tools help to keep inflation anchored around _____ per cent midpoint on an average in the past five years.

- (a) 4%
- (b) 2%
- (c) 3%
- (d) 5%
- (e) 6%

Answer: A

The central bank has revised its inflation-forecasting model to better capture how fiscal and monetary policy interact with real-economy elements.

Dubbed as the Quarterly Projection Model 2.0, the framework is a forward-looking, open economy, calibrated, new-Keynesian gap model.

It didn't offer a comparison between inflation rates predicted under the previous model and the new one, but said its tools helped it keep inflation anchored around the 4 per cent midpoint on average in the past five years.

The RBI said the new model is broken into three blocks. The first, or fiscal block, decomposes the government's primary deficit into structural and cyclical components.

The second, or fuel block, takes into account India's complex system of pricing.

The balance of payments block recognises the costs associated with spurts in volatility in the exchange rate.

77. Which of the following small finance bank has joined hands with BhartiAxa Life for a bancassurance partnership to sell insurance policies to its customers?

- (a) Jana Small Finance Bank
- (b) Fincare Small Finance Bank
- (c) A U Small Finance Bank
- (d) Capital Small Finance Bank
- (e) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

Answer: B

BhartiAxa Life and Fincare Small Finance Bank have joined hands for a bancassurance partnership under which the bank will sell insurance policies to its customers.

Under the partnership, Bharti AXA Life Insurance will offer its comprehensive suite of life insurance products, including protection, savings and investment plans, to the customers of Fincare Small Finance Bank across its 747 branches and digital network presence across the country.

78. National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has appointed Poonam Gupta as its next Director-General. Poonam Gupta is an economist of which among the following?

- (a) IMF

- (b) ADB
- (c) NDB
- (d) World Bank
- (e) AIIB

Answer: D

National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has appointed the World Bank's lead economist Poonam Gupta as its next Director-General.

Prior to joining the World Bank in 2013, Gupta was the Reserve Bank of India Chair Professor at NIPFP, and a Professor of Macroeconomics at ICRIER.

National Council of Applied Economic Research is located in New Delhi.

79. Axis Bank and its subsidiaries, Axis Capital Limited and Axis Securities Limited (together Axis Entities), have completed the acquisition of 12.99% stake in which of the following Life Insurance Company?

- (a) BhartiAxa Life Insurance
- (b) Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- (c) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd
- (d) HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd
- (e) TATA AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd.

Answer: B

Axis Bank and its subsidiaries, Axis Capital Limited and Axis Securities Limited (together Axis Entities), have completed acquisition of 12.99 per cent stake in Max Life Insurance Company Ltd.

With this acquisition, Axis Entities have become/.co-promoters of the life insurance company

The Axis Entities have a right to acquire an additional stake of up to 7 per cent in Max Life, in one or more tranches, subject to regulatory approvals.

With the conclusion of this transaction, Max Life's Board will be strengthened further, with co option of three nominee directors of Axis Entities on its board.

80. The three-banded rosefinch bird has become the 1,340th species of the bird family in India. The bird spotted in which among the following state?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Tripura

Answer: C

A bird spotted in Arunachal Pradesh at an altitude higher than its recorded perch in adjoining China has become the 1,340th species of the bird family in India.

The three-banded rosefinch is a resident of southern China and a vagrant in Bhutan.

A team of scientists from Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) spotted and photographed this rare species of bird in Arunachal Pradesh.

The three-banded rosefinch was the fifth new species recorded during the current year.

A male and a female three-banded rosefinch were seen at Sela (mountain pass on the border between

Tawang and West Kameng districts of Arunachal Pradesh) at an altitude of 3,852 metres above sea level.

81. Dronacharya awardee Sanjay Chakraverty has passed away recently. He received the honors of Dadoji Konddev Award by which among the following state?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Chhattisgarh

Answer: D

Noted shooting coach Sanjay Chakraverty, who has given India some of its finest shooters, including guiding the likes of Olympic medallist Gagan Narang and Anjali Bhagwat, died in Mumbai.

He received the Dronacharya Award in 2017.

He was honoured with the Dadoji Konddev Award by the Government of Maharashtra.

82. Who among the following has released the Hindi translation of the book 'Odisha Itihaas' written by 'Utkal Keshari' Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab?

- (a) Rajnath Singh
- (b) Venkaiya Naidu
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Yogi Adityanath
- (e) Arvind Kejriwal

Answer: C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi releases the Hindi translation of the book 'Odisha Itihaas' written by 'UtkalKeshari' Dr. HarekrushnaMahtab from Ambedkar International Center, Janpath, New Delhi. The book, available in Odia and English so far, has been translated into Hindi by ShankarlalPurohit. The event marking the release of the Hindi version has been organised by HarekrushnaMahtab Foundation.

Dr. HarekrushnaMahtab was a notable figure in the Indian Independence Movement.

He also served as Chief Minister of Odisha from 1946 to 1950 and from 1956 to 1961.

He wrote the book 'Odisha Itihaas' in Ahmednagar Fort Jail, where he was imprisoned for more than two years during 1942-1945.

83. Name the world's first Microsensor-based Explosive Trace Detector (ETD) which was launched by Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

- (a) NanoSniffer
- (b) Vehant
- (c) Blunav
- (d) Naturlich
- (e) Kritikal

Answer: A

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched NanoSniffer, the world's first Microsensor-based Explosive Trace Detector (ETD).

The Nanosniffer has been developed by NanoSniff Technologies which is an IIT Bombay incubated startup.

It is being marketed by Vehant Technologies, a spin-off from a former IIT Delhi incubated startup Kritikal Solutions.

The completely indigenous Explosive trace detector device (ETD) - NanoSniffer can detect explosives in less than 10 seconds.

84. The founder member of Jharkhand MuktiMorchha and Senior BJP leader, Simon Marandi has passed away recently. He was a two-time MP from which among the following constituency?

- (a) Dumka
- (b) Godda
- (c) Chatra
- (d) Rajmahal
- (e) Dhanbad

Answer: D

Simon Marandi, founder member of Jharkhand MuktiMorchha (JMM) and Senior BJP leader died late last night at Netaji Hospital in Kolkata due to cardiac problems.

Mr Marandi has been a two-time MP from Rajmahal constituency, five-time MLA and Minister of State in Jharkhand.

85. Britain's Prince Philip has died recently. He became the longest-serving consort in British history, surpassing Queen _____ in 2009.

- (a) Elizabeth

- (b) Mary
- (c) Anne
- (d) Victoria
- (e) Charlotte

Answer: E

Britain's Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth and a leading figure in the British royal family for almost seven decades, has died.

Prince Philip, the longest serving royal consort in British history who was a constant presence at Queen Elizabeth II's side for decades.

Philip, who in 2009 became the longest-serving consort in British history, surpassing Queen Charlotte, who married King George III in the 18th century.

86. World Homeopathy Day is celebrated on April 10. A two-day convention on 'Homoeopathy - Roadmap for Integrative Medicine' has inaugurated at New Delhi. Who among the following was the chief guest of the occasion?

- (a) Shripad Yesso Naik
- (b) Santosh Kumar Gangwar
- (c) Jitendra Singh
- (d) Kiren Rijiju
- (e) Prahalad Singh Patel

Answer: A

World Homeopathy Day is celebrated on April 10.

The day is observed to mark the importance of homoeopathy and its contribution to the world of medicine.

The date is the birth anniversary of Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, who was a German physician and the founder of homoeopathy. World Homeopathy Day is celebrated on April 10.

A two-day convention on 'Homoeopathy - Roadmap for Integrative Medicine' was inaugurated at New Delhi. Minister of state for Defence Shri Shripad Yesso Naik was the chief guest on this occasion.

The Convention was organized by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH), an autonomous apex research organization under the Ministry of AYUSH to celebrate the occasion of the World Homeopathy Day.

This year the theme of the day in India is, "Homeopathy- Roadmap for Integrative Medicine".

During the inauguration, CCRH launched the Homoeopathic Clinical Case Repository, a database aimed at compiling cases treated through Homoeopathy from practitioners across the country to build up an evidence base towards Homoeopathy. The E-library of CCRH was also launched on the occasion.

87. Mobisafar Services Private Limited has joined hands with NPCI and which among the following bank for launching "Mobisafar Virtual RuPay Prepaid card"?

- (a) YES Bank
- (b) AXIS Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Karnataka Bank

(e) HDFC Bank

Answer: A

Mobisafar Services Private Limited, a Ludhiana-based Fintech start-up, has launched 'Mobisafar Virtual RuPay Prepaid card' in partnership with YES BANK and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

The Virtual Rupay Card was inaugurated by former Cricketer KapilDev

The 'Mobisafar Virtual RuPay Prepaid Card' provides convenient access to the wallet through a mobile app and desktop with a reloadable limit.

It can be used to book Airline tickets, hotels, retail shopping, movie tickets, groceries etc.

88. NITI Aayog has planned to launch Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) handbook in India with the support of the which of the following?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Trilegal
- (c) Dalberg
- (d) Dvara
- (e) All the above

Answer: E

NITI Aayog—in association with Agami and Omidyar Network India and with the support of ICICI Bank, Ashoka Innovators for the Public, Trilegal, Dalberg, Dvara, NIPFP—will launch the first-of-its kind Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) handbook in India.

Hon'ble Justice DY Chandrachud, Supreme Court of India, will deliver the opening address and launch the handbook.

89. Ethanol blending in India has reached more than 7.2 per cent, putting the country on course to meet the target of _____ per cent blending by 2022.

- (a) 20%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 10%
- (d) 13%
- (e) 25%

Answer: C

Ethanol blending in India has reached more than 7.2 per cent — the first time it has reached this level — in the first four months of the ethanol supply year 2020-21 (December to November), putting the country on course to meet the target of 10 per cent blending by 2022.

India has set a target of 10 %(10% of ethanol mixed with 90% of petrol) blending by 2022 & 20 % blending by 2025

In states such as Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh (and Daman and Diu, a Union Territory), 9.5-10 percent ethanol is being blended with petrol.

This means these states are close to the 2022 target.

90. Google and which of the following in association with MyGov India have jointly announced an AI for

Agriculture Hackathon to address the issue of water scarcity in India?

- (a) ITC Ltd.
- (b) L&T
- (c) Infosys
- (d) Dabur
- (e) Hindustan Unilever Ltd

Answer: E

Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) and Google, in association with MyGov India, the Government of India's citizen engagement programme, announced an AI for Agriculture Hackathon to address the issue of water scarcity in India.

The hackathon aims to encourage and find innovative solutions leveraging artificial intelligence to conserve freshwater usage, and to address water scarcity problems in India.

91. In April 2021, which of the following has allowed private sector firms to develop and produce missile systems under the Development cum Production Partner programme?

- (a) NASA
- (b) ISRO
- (c) DRDO
- (d) SpaceX
- (e) European Space Agency

Answer: C

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has allowed private sector firms to both develop and produce missile systems

under the Development cum Production Partner (DCPP) programme.

Bids have been received for the Vertically-launched Short-range Surface to Air Missile system (VL-SRSAM) project.

The DRDO has also helped private sector industry including Tata and Baba Kalyani industries to develop the ATAGS howitzer which is likely to be the main artillery gun for the Indian Army in the next many decades.

92. Who among the following has participated in the 103rd Meeting of the Development Committee meeting of World Bank-International Monetary Fund 2021?

- (a) Prahalad Singh Patel
- (b) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- (c) Narendra Singh Tomar
- (d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (e) Pralhad Joshi

Answer: D

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman participated in the 103rd Meeting of the Development Committee meeting of World Bank-International Monetary Fund (IMF) 2021.

Smt. Sitharaman shared that the Government has announced AtmaNirbhar Packages of Rs 27.1 trillion, amounting to more than 13% of the GDP. The World Bank Group has stepped up its financing in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic with total

financing approvals exceeding \$100 billion for the first time.

The next meeting of the Development Committee is scheduled to be held on October 15, 2021, in Washington DC, USA

93. Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed a law, which can pave the way for Putin to stay in power until _____.

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2030
- (c) 2035
- (d) 2036
- (e) 2032

Answer: D

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law allowing him to run for two more terms in the Kremlin once his ongoing Fourth Term as President of Russia ends in 2024.

The legislation, which can pave the way for Putin to stay in power until 2036 should he choose to do so. If elected both times, he would remain president until 2036, surpassing Josef Stalin as the longest-serving leader of Russia since Peter the Great.

94. As per International Monetary Fund, India's debt to GDP ratio has increased from 74 per cent to _____ per cent during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- (a) 80%
- (b) 85%
- (c) 90%

(d) 92%

(e) 87%

Answer: C

India's debt to GDP ratio increased from 74 per cent to 90 per cent during the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Monetary Fund has said.

The debt ratio at the end of 2019, prior to the pandemic, was 74 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and at the end of 2020, it is almost 90 percent of GDP.

The IMF mentioned that it stands ready to act and has a financial capacity of about USD 1 trillion when it is necessary to restore confidence in markets.

95. Cryptocurrency exchange WazirX has launched a marketplace for which of the following to enable Indian creators to auction their digital assets over the Blockchain-based platform and earn royalty?

- (a) Decentralized finance
- (b) Non-Fungible Tokens
- (c) Distributed Ledger Technology.
- (d) Initial Coin Offering
- (e) Public Ledge

Answer: B

Finance-owned cryptocurrency exchange WazirX has launched a marketplace for Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT), a move that will enable Indian creators to auction their digital assets over the Blockchain-based platform and earn royalty.

WazirX claims this is the first marketplace for NFT in the country.

Non-Fungible Tokens means - copies cannot be created following the purchase.

96. Which among the following has partnered with Punjab National Bank for the promotion of Solar pumps?

- (a) 47Billion
- (b) Acerta,
- (c) SwitchON
- (d) Falconry
- (e) Sol Intrinsic ar pumps

Answer: C

SwitchON Foundation has partnered with Punjab National Bank for the promotion of solar pumps. A First Loss Default Guarantee Fund will be set up by SwitchON Foundation through which Punjab National Bank will be financing solar pumps. It is perhaps a first of its kind agreement between a private not for profit organisation with a leading public sector bank to set up a Guarantee Fund, which is otherwise, usually set up by Governments. SwitchON partnered with RBL and Axis Bank to sanction loans for over 100 solar pumps, but it is the first time that a Nationalized Bank has come forward for the financial partnership.

97. Name the invoice discounting platform which has crossed monthly transaction volumes of Rs 1,000 crore in the month of March.

- (a) Flexiloans
- (b) Kredex
- (c) Invoice Mart.

(d) RXIL

(e) M1 TreDs

Answer: D

Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (RXIL), leading invoice discounting platform for MSMEs, said it has crossed monthly transaction volumes of Rs 1,000 crore in the month of March.

The growth of transaction volumes from Rs 69 crore in April 2020, to Rs 1,105 crore in March 2021 indicates the revival and resumption of the economic activity/

In 2020-21, RXIL has also emerged as the leading platform with more than Rs 6,500 crore of throughput.

98. Which of the following payment banks has launched Rewards123 digital savings account ,that offers benefits and value to customers when they transact digitally using the bank account?

- (a) Aditya Birla Idea Payment Bank
- (b) Fino Payments Bank
- (c) Jio Payments Bank.
- (d) Airtel Payments Bank
- (e) NSDL Payments Bank

Answer: D

Airtel Payments Bank announced its new savings account 'Rewards123' that offers benefits and value to customers when they transact digitally using the bank account.

Announcing the 'Rewards123' digital savings account, Airtel in a statement said this is "designed to offer consistent value, with assured rewards on

different types of digital transactions throughout the year".

99. The Reserve Bank of India withdrew the all-inclusive directions it issued to Youth Development Cooperative Bank Ltd. Where is the Head quarter of Youth Development Cooperative Bank Ltd situated?

- (a) Aurangabad
- (b) Solapur
- (c) Amaravati
- (d) Nagpur
- (e) Kolhapur

Answer: E

In a relief to customers of Youth Development Co-operative Bank Ltd, Kolhapur, the RBI withdrew all restrictions imposed on the lender from January 2019.

The validity of the 'all-inclusive directions' was extended from time to time, the last being up to April 5, 2021.

The RBI, in a statement, said under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, hereby withdraws with effect from April 5 All Inclusive Directions issued to Youth Development Cooperative Bank Limited, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

Among other restrictions, the lender was barred from granting or renewing any loans and advances, making any investment, incurring any liability, without prior approval in writing from the Reserve Bank of India.

100. Payments aggregator BillDesk has announced a partnership with global financial institution

_____ to offer online payments solutions to the bank's corporate clients in India.

- (a) Bank Of America
- (b) Goldman Sachs
- (c) Truist Financial
- (d) Frost Bank
- (e) J.P. Morgan

Answer: E

Payments aggregator BillDesk announced a partnership with global financial institution J.P. Morgan to offer online payments solutions to the bank's corporate clients in India.

Through this partnership, J.P. Morgan's clients in India will be able to independently initiate statutory and utility payments online with more than 100 merchants that BillDesk partners with, securely and without additional manual assistance from their partner banks.

101. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Punjab's anti-coronavirus vaccination programme?

- (a) Kriti Sanon
- (b) Kartik Aryan
- (c) P V Sindhu
- (d) Sonu Sood
- (e) Prithvi Shaw

Answer: D

Actor Sonu Sood has been made the brand ambassador for Punjab's anti-coronavirus vaccination programme during the coronavirus-induced lockdown last year.

On the occasion, the actor presented to the chief minister his book 'I am no Messiah', which he says captures his experiences of his journey from Moga to Mumbai.

102. The National Safe Motherhood Day is observed on which date?

- (a) Apr 8
- (b) Apr 9
- (c) Apr 10
- (d) Apr 15
- (e) Apr 11

Answer: E

National Safe Motherhood Day is observed on April 11 every year. It is an initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI).

The government of India in 2003 declared the national safe motherhood day on April 11.

It is observed to enforce that women must have the availability and adequate access to care during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal services.

103. Name the Russian spacecraft that carrying three members of the International Space Station's crew has landed in Kazakhstan.

- (a) Acrid AA-6
- (b) Soyuz MS-17
- (c) Aphid-AA-8

(d) Goblet N-3

(e) Alamo AA-10

Answer: B

Three members of the International Space Station's crew returned safely to Earth on a Russian Soyuz craft, Russia's Roscosmos space agency reported. The Soyuz MS-17 spacecraft carrying NASA astronaut Kate Rubins, a microbiologist who in 2016 became the first person to sequence DNA in space, and Russian cosmonauts Sergey Ryzhikov and Sergey Kud-Sverchkov landed in Kazakhstan.

The three had been at the space station since mid-October 2020.

Their mission was the last scheduled Russian flight carrying a U.S. crew member, marking an end to a long dependency as the U.S. revives its own crew launch capability in an effort to drive down the cost of sending astronauts to space.

104. Archeologists have discovered ruins of an ancient city in Luxor that is located on the bank of the which of the following River in Southern Egypt?

- (a) Zambezi
- (b) Vaal
- (c) Benue
- (d) Ubangi
- (e) Nile

Answer: E

Archeologists have discovered ruins of an ancient city in Luxor, located on the east bank of the Nile River in Southern Egypt.

The city is said to be more than 3,000 years old.

The city is known as 'Aten' or the 'lost golden city' and it dates back to the reign of King Amenhotep III, the ninth king of the 18th dynasty, who ruled Egypt from 1391 till 1353 BC.

The Egyptian mission under Dr Zahi Hawass found the city that was lost under the sands.

105. Since 2011, the International Day of Human Space Flight is celebrated every year on _____.

- (a) Apr 9
- (b) Apr 7
- (c) Apr 11
- (d) Apr 12
- (e) Apr 8

Answer: D

The United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution of April 7, 2011, declared April 12 as the International Day of Human Space Flight.

Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin had orbited Earth on Vostok 1 spacecraft on April 12 in 1961

On October 4, 1957, the first human-made Earth satellite Sputnik I was launched into outer space, thus opening the way for space exploration. On April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin became the first human to orbit the Earth, opening a new chapter of human endeavour in outer space

On June 16, 1963, Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to orbit the Earth

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot upon the surface of the moon

Apollo and Soyuz were the first joint US-Russian space flight. This event became the first international human mission in space on July 17, 1975.

106. Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin had made history by becoming the first person to fly into space in order to honor this 60th anniversary, which of the Russian spacecraft was named the "Yu.A. Gagarin"?

- (a) Snipe R-31
- (b) Arrow AA-13
- (c) Savage SS3
- (d) Soyuz MS-18
- (e) Stallion K-5

Answer: D

Russia's Soyuz MS-18 successfully launched a 3-member crew (2 Russian Cosmonauts & 1 American Astronaut) to the International Space Station (ISS).

The rocket was launched from Baikonur

Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan where cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin made history becoming the first person to fly into space on April 12, 1961.

To honor the 60th anniversary, the Soyuz MS-18 spacecraft was christened the "Yu.A. Gagarin" and bore the name on its exterior insulation.

Soyuz MS-18 "Yu.A. Gagarin" is Russia's 64th Soyuz spacecraft to launch for the International Space Station since 2000 and 147th to fly since 1967.

107. Name the world's first all-civilian mission to space that would undertake a historic voyage to the stars later this year.

- (a) Cassini-Huygens 3
- (b) Spitzer 4
- (c) WMAP 1
- (d) Inspiration4
- (e) Chandra 2

Answer: D

Inspiration4, the world's first all-civilian mission to space, announced a 4 member crew that will undertake a historic voyage to the stars later this year.

4 member crew - Christopher Sembroski, Dr. Sian Proctor, Jared Isaacman and Hayley Arceneaux . SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket will launch the crew aboard a Dragon spacecraft later this year.

The full crew will be introduced publicly for the first time from historic Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

108. Who among the following has been appointed as the managing director and Chief Executive Officer of Pramerica Life Insurance ?

- (a) Arindam Bagchi
- (b) Aparna Chennapragada
- (c) Sanjeev Kumar
- (d) Kalpana Sampat
- (e) Anish Shah

Answer: D

Private life insurer Pramerica Life Insurance announced the appointment of Kalpana Sampat as its managing director and CEO, effective April 9.

Prior to this appointment, she was the chief operating officer for the company.

Pramerica Life Insurance is a joint venture company of Prudential International Insurance Holdings, a fully-owned subsidiary of Prudential Financial, Inc., and DIL (DHFL Investments Limited).

109. Who among the following has been roped in as brand ambassador for Sports Xchange?

- (a) Vidya Balan
- (b) Kiara Advani
- (c) Yuvraj Singh
- (d) Prithvi Shaw
- (e) Rohit Sharma

Answer: D

Sports Xchange, has roped in Prithvi Shaw, a powerhouse of energy and potential as its brand ambassador.

SportsXchange will create engaging content featuring Prithvi Shaw as part of an integrating campaign with a theme "Yahaan Hai Kuch Xtra" that will help build awareness about the differentiated offerings and amplify the reach of the brand during upcoming IPL/Fantasy matches.

110. Uzbekistan & Kazakhstan have launched the construction of an international center for trade and economic cooperation named 'Central Asia'.

Kazakhstan is the _____ largest trade partner.

- (a) 4th
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 5th
- (d) 6th
- (e) 2nd

Answer: B

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have launched the construction of an international center for trade and economic cooperation named 'Central Asia' on the borders of the two countries.

The center, which occupies 400 hectares of land, will have a capacity of accommodating 35,000 people and 5,000 trucks per day in both directions.

The center is intended to become a large industrial, trade and logistics platform for the implementation of joint investment projects of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

Kazakhstan is Uzbekistan's third largest trade partner after China and Russia.

111. Which of the following movie has won the Best Film award at 74th the British Academy Film Awards- BAFTA 2021?

- (a) The Father
- (b) The Mauritanian
- (c) Nomadland
- (d) Promising Young Woman
- (e) The Trial of the Chicago 7

Answer: C

The 74th edition of British Academy Film Awards, often shortened to BAFTA or Bafta, are being held virtually in London's Royal Albert Hall.

- Best Film: Nomadland
- Best Director: Chloe Zhao (Nomadland)
- Best Actor in a Leading Role: Anthony Hopkins (The Father as Anthony)
- Best Actress in a Leading Role: Frances McDormand (Nomadland as Fern)

112. Who has won the award for Best Actress in a Supporting Role and for which film at the 74th edition of the British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) awards 2021?

- (a) Bukky Bakray, Rocks
- (b) Youn Yuh-Jung, The Forty-Year-Old Version
- (c) Vanessa Kirby, Pieces of a Woman
- (d) Youn Yuh-Jung, Minari as Soon-JA
- (e) Wunmi Mosaku, Pieces of a Woman

Answer: D

The 74th edition of British Academy Film Awards, often shortened to BAFTA or Bafta, are being held virtually in London's Royal Albert Hall.

- Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Daniel Kaluuya (Judas and the Black Messiah as Fred Hampton)
- Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Youn Yuh-Jung (Minari as Soon-JA)
- Best Original Screenplay: Promising Young Woman (Emerald Fennell)
- Best Adapted Screenplay: The Father (Christopher Hampton and Florian Zeller)

113. Name the Short Film which has won the 74th edition of British Academy Film Awards in “Best Short Film” category.

- (a) Eyelash
- (b) Lizard
- (c) Lucky Break
- (d) Miss Curvy
- (e) The Present

Answer: E

The 74th edition of British Academy Film Awards, often shortened to BAFTA or Bafta, are being held virtually in London's Royal Albert Hall.

- Best Short Animation: The Owl and the Pussycat (Mole Hill and Laura Duncalf)
- Best Short Film: The Present (Farah Nabulsi)
- Best Animated Film: Soul (Pete Docter and Dana Murray)
- Best Documentary: My Octopus Teacher (Pippa Ehrlich, James Reed and Craig Foster)
- Best Film Not in the English Language (Another Round)
- Best Casting: Rocks (Lucy Pardee)

114. Which film has won the award for “Best Editing” at the 74th edition of the British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) awards 2021?

- (a) The Father
- (b) Nomadland
- (c) Promising Young Woman
- (d) Sound of Metal
- (e) The Trial of the Chicago 7

Answer: D

The 74th edition of British Academy Film Awards, often shortened to BAFTA or Bafta, are being held virtually in London's Royal Albert Hall.

- Best Cinematography: Nomadland (Joshua James Richards)
- Best Costume Design: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (Ann Roth)
- Best Editing: Sound of Metal (Mikkel E.G. Nielsen)
- Best Makeup and Hair: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (Matiki Anoff, Larry M. Cherry, Sergio Lopez-Rivera and Mia Neal)
- Best Original Music: Soul (Jon Batiste, Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross)
- Best Production Design: Mank (Donald Graham Burt and Jan Pascale)
- Best Sound: Sound of Metal (Jaime Baksht, Nicolas Becker, Phillip Bladh, Carlos Cortés and Michelle Couttolenc)

115. Who has won the award for “Rising Star Award” at the 74th edition of the British Academy Film Awards (BAFTA) awards 2021?

- (a) Bukky Bakray
- (b) Conrad Khan
- (c) Kingsley Ben-Adir
- (d) Morfydd Clark
- (e) Sope Dirisu

Answer: A

The 74th edition of British Academy Film Awards, often shortened to BAFTA or Bafta, are being held virtually in London's Royal Albert Hall.

- Best Special Visual Effects: Tenet (Scott R. Fisher, Andrew Jackson and Andrew Lockley)
- Outstanding British Film: Promising Young Woman (Emerald Fennell, Ben Browning, Ashley Fox and Josey McNamara)
- Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer: His House (Remi Weekes (Writer/Director))
- Rising Star Award: Bukky Bakray

116. A study by the IIT-Bombay has revealed that the SBI has collected how much Crore from zero balance during the period 2015-20?

- (a) 300 Cr
- (b) 350 Cr
- (c) 325 Cr
- (d) 420 Cr
- (e) 530 Cr

Answer: A

A study by the IIT-Bombay has revealed that the SBI's decision to levy a charge of Rs 17.70 for every debit transaction beyond four by the BSBDA account holders cannot be considered as "reasonable."

It highlighted that the imposition of service charges resulted in undue collections to the tune of over Rs 300 crore from among nearly 12 crore Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) holders of SBI during the period 2015-20.

India's second-largest public sector lender Punjab National Bank, which has 3.9 crore BSBD accounts, collected Rs 9.9 crore during the same period.

Levying of charges on BSBDA is guided by September 2013 RBI guidelines.

As per the direction these account holders are allowed more than four withdrawals' in a month, at the bank's discretion provided the bank does not charge for the same.

117. A team from which of the following institute has won the AICTE Lilavati Awards, 2020 under the "Women's Health" sub-theme?

- (a) Walchand Institute of Technology, Maharashtra
- (b) Poona college of Pharmacy, Maharashtra
- (c) Kumaraguru college of Technology, Tamil nadu
- (d) Biyani institute of Science and Management, rajasthan
- (e) Thiagarajar Polytechnic College, Alagappanagar

Answer: A

Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' presented the AICTE Lilavati Awards 2020 on women empowerment to the winners in New Delhi.

Sub-theme	Team Name
Legal Awareness	Radiant Seetha
Self Defence	Paritranas
Sanitation & Hygiene	SKBCoP ECO CLUB

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		The Renewables arm of Larsen & Toubro's Power Transmission & Distribution Business has bagged an order to set up the Sudair solar power project of 1.5 GW in Riyadh province of Saudi Arabia.
Sub-theme	Team Name	According to the statement this project is considered the largest Solar Plant in Saudi Arabia with power purchase agreement (PPA) signed.
Women Health	WIT Women Health Coalition	It is also one of the largest such plants in the world. The EPC (engineering procurement construction) contract was awarded by the consortium of ACWA Power and the Water and Electricity Holding Company, a subsidiary of the Public Investments Fund of Saudi Arabia (PIF).
Women Entrepreneurship	Sweat (Sona Women Entrepreneurship and Training)	119. Name the Clean energy firm which has committed to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.
Literacy	Digital Literacy	(a) Avangrid Renewables (b) Suzlon. (c) GE Energy. (d) Siemens. (e) ReNew Power

118. The Renewables arm of L&T's Power Transmission & Distribution Business has bagged an order to set up the Sudair solar power project with a capacity of _____GW in Riyadh province of Saudi Arabia.

- (a) 1.5 GW
- (b) 1 GW
- (c) 1.15 GW
- (d) 2 GW
- (e) 2.5 GW

Answer: A

Answer: E

The country's biggest renewable energy power producer ReNew Power has committed to become a net zero emissions by 2050,.

It became the first renewable energy company in India to announce such plans.

120. Denmark has joined hands through _____for global collaboration towards world class innovative solutions addressing water challenges&SDGs.

- (a) Atal Innovation Mission
- (b) National Skill Mission
- (c) Housing for All
- (d) Digital India Mission
- (e) National Water Mission

Answer: A

As part of Indo-Danish bilateral Green strategic partnership, Innovation Center Denmark(ICDK) in India will collaborate with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to support various current and future initiatives of AIM, NITI Aayog and its beneficiaries in India as well as develop global innovation Green economy partnerships addressing SDG goals.

AIM and ICDK have previously collaborated to host the AIM-ICDK Water challenge and the Sol between the two would pave the way for future collaborations that allow innovation exchanges between two countries.

121. Who has been released a commemorative postage stamp in the memory of former Chief of Brahma Kumaris Rajyogini Dadi Janki in New Delhi?

- (a) Harsh Vardhan
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Venkaiah Naidu
- (e) Amit Shah

Answer: D

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released a commemorative postage stamp in the memory of former Chief of Brahma Kumaris Rajyogini Dadi Janki in New Delhi.

Mr Naidu said, what makes Brahma Kumaris so special is that the organisation is led by women.

122. Sputnik V of Russia has been cleared for emergency use by the Drugs Controller General of India. The vaccine has been manufactured in India by Dr Reddy's Laboratories. The Head quarter of the laboratories is located at _____.

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Chennai
- (e) Trivandrum

Answer: B

The Drugs Controller General of India has granted approval to Russia's coronavirus vaccine Sputnik-V for restricted use in India.

With this, India now has three vaccines against COVID-19, including Covishield — the Oxford-Astrazeneca vaccine manufactured by the Serum Institute of India — and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin. With this approval, India has become the 60th country to approve the Sputnik V vaccine.

The RDIF joined hands with Dr Reddy's in September 2020 to carry out clinical trials of Sputnik V in India.

Sputnik V ranks second among coronavirus vaccines globally in terms of the number of approvals issued by government regulators.

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories is an Indian multinational pharmaceutical company located in Hyderabad, Telangana.

123. New Zealand has launched a new legislation that would require banks, insurers and asset managers to disclose which of the following risks?

- (a) Reputational Risk
- (b) Credit Risk
- (c) Climate Risk
- (d) Country Risk
- (e) Market Risk

Answer: C

New Zealand is considering a new legislation that would require banks, insurers and asset managers to disclose the impacts of climate change on their businesses

The island nation has been at the forefront of trying to cut down carbon emissions and has pledged to make its public sector carbon neutral by 2025. The legislation would require financial firms to disclose how climate change impacts their businesses and how they will address climate-related risks and opportunities.

If the bill passes in parliament, the first disclosure is expected by 2023.

124. The Multinational Military Exercise Shantir Groshena -2021 was hosted by which of the following countries?

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bhutan
- (e) Pakistan

Answer: B

Indian Army will participate in a Multinational Military Exercise namely SHANTIR O'GOSHEN -2021 in Bangladesh.

To commemorate the birth centenary of Bangladesh Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and mark glorious 50 years of liberation, Bangladesh hosted the exercise.

The theme of the exercise is Robust Peacekeeping Operations. Military observers from the USA, UK, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Singapore will also be in attendance throughout the exercise.

It is an UN-mandated Counterterrorism exercise.

125. Yes Bank has executed its first Secured Overnight Financing Rate linked transaction. The transaction was a trade borrowing availed from which of the following banks?

- (a) ABN AMRO
- (b) Bank of Ceylon
- (c) Wells Fargo Bank
- (d) Calyon Bank
- (e) DBS Bank

Answer: C

Private sector lender Yes Bank has executed its first Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) linked transaction.

SOFR is an identified replacement for USD LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate), which is likely to be phased out at the end of 2021.

The transaction was a trade borrowing availed from Wells Fargo Bank.

126. Name the country which has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with OneWeb to provide satellite connectivity services, commemorating the 60th anniversary of first human spaceflight.

- (a) Mongolia
- (b) Turkmenistan
- (c) Uzbekistan
- (d) Kyrgyzstan
- (e) Kazakhstan

Answer: E

Bharti group-backed OneWeb said it has signed an MoU with Kazakhstan government and local partners to provide satellite connectivity services in Kazakhstan, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the first human spaceflight.

On April 12, 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin made history by becoming the first person to orbit the Earth.

OneWeb has also received its Certificate of Incorporation for OneWeb Kazakhstan Ltd. registered in Astana International Financial Centre. The satellite broadband company has planned to demonstrate the networks in June 2021.

127. A beneficiary of the Government welfare scheme can open which of the following account with a post office?

- (a) Basic savings bank account

- (b) Time Deposit Account
- (c) Recurring Deposit Account
- (d) Sukanya Samriddhi Account
- (e) Kisan Vikas Patra

Answer: A

A beneficiary of the Government welfare scheme can open a basic savings bank account with a post office.

The Finance Ministry has notified changes in the Post Office Savings Account Scheme, 2019.

The notification has also reduced the fee for not maintaining the balance in a savings account.

The notification also mentioned that any Basic Savings Accounts already opened under the Post Office Savings Account Rules, 1981 will not be covered under the new notification and will remain operational.

128. Global brokerage Nomura has lowered India's growth rate to _____% in the new fiscal year from its existing rate 13.5%.

- (a) 11.75%
- (b) 12%
- (c) 11.5%
- (d) 12.6%
- (e) 12.4%

Answer: D

Global brokerage Nomura lowered its growth expectations for India to 12.6% in the new fiscal year from 13.5% earlier.

The report also revised its gross domestic product (GDP) growth projection to 11.5% for the ongoing calendar year from 12.4% before.

Nomura pegged retail inflation at 4.7% in 2021, down from 5% earlier but still above the 4% midpoint of the Reserve Bank of India's inflation target range, while core inflation would remain elevated at 5.7%.

129. INOXCVA and Japanese conglomerate Mitsui have signed an agreement to enhance small scale _____ applications development

- (a) LNG
- (b) LPG
- (c) CNG
- (d) NGL
- (e) Diesel

Answer: A

Indian manufacturer of cryogenic technology INOXCVA and Japanese conglomerate Mitsui have signed an agreement to share technical and commercial expertise on small-scale LNG applications development in India.

It will also offer LNG access to the customers not connected to the pipelines.

This is to help increase the consumption of LNG to various users in the automotive, mining, shipping, and rail industry in India.

130. Name the digital initiative which has been launched by Punjab National Bank under which every transaction undertaken by a bank branch will

be initiated and authorised by customers themselves.

- (a) PNB@ShedTheWait
- (b) PNB@YouFirst
- (c) PNB@ReachesYou
- (d) PNB@Ease
- (e) PNB@ReadyUse

Answer: D

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched a digital initiative PNB@Ease under which every transaction undertaken by a bank branch will be initiated and authorised by customers themselves.

The service can range from savings accounts opening to availing various loans and more, without visiting a branch or help from the bank employees.

On its 127th foundation day which is celebrated on Apr 12, MD & CEO Mallikarjuna Rao, inaugurated this initiative in New Delhi.

131. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has bagged the first place for Innovative Training Practices 2019-20 at the 30th National Award ceremony held recently at New Delhi by Indian Society for Training & Development . Where is the Headquarter of HAL located?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) Noida

Answer: A

Bengaluru-based Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has bagged the first place for Innovative Training Practices 2019-20 at the 30th National Award ceremony held recently at New Delhi by Indian Society for Training & Development (ISTD). HAL Management Academy having a sprawling campus with modern facilities in Bengaluru is a Centre of Excellence for Aerospace Technology and Management professionals.

132. Sushil Chandra took charge as the _____ Chief Election Commissioner of India- an office as he will hold until May 14, 2022.

- (a) 24th
- (b) 22nd
- (c) 23rd
- (d) 25th
- (e) 21st

Answer: A

Sushil Chandra took charge as the 24th Chief Election Commissioner of India- an office he will hold until May 14, 2022.

The second Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer to helm the poll panel after T S Krishnamurthy in 2004, as the new CEC - Chandra will wrap up this round of elections and oversee assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur.

133. Who among the following has been elected as the President of Ecuador?

- (a) Boyko Borisov
- (b) Ilir Meta

- (c) Guillermo Lasso
- (d) Hubert Minnis
- (e) Rumen Radev

Answer: C

Guillermo Lasso from the CREO right-wing movement won Ecuador's presidential election with over 52 per cent of the votes, the National Electoral Council said, releasing final voting results. Lasso, a 65-year-old former banker, won 52.36 per cent, while his rival leftist candidate Andres Arauz from the Union of Hope coalition got 47.64 per cent. Lasso is scheduled to be inaugurated on May 24.

134. Name the chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation whose tenure has been extended by six months.

- (a) Maia Sandu
- (b) Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad
- (c) Arun Goel
- (d) R Chandrasekaran
- (e) Arun Kumar

Answer: E

The government has extended the tenure of Arun Kumar, chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) by six months.

Kumar, a 1989 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Haryana cadre, was appointed as DGCA chief in July 2019.

He had held additional charge of the post between May and July 2019 with the retirement of BS Bhullar.

135. Name the company which has received the approval from the Competition Commission of India to acquire a 60% stake in Magma Fincorp.

- (a) Sun Holdings
- (b) AMERICANA
- (c) Quality Restaurant Group
- (d) Boddie-Noell Enterprises
- (e) SSP

Answer: A

The Competition Commission of India approved Adar Poonawalla-led Rising Sun Holdings Pvt Ltd.'s acquisition of a 60% stake in Magma Fincorp.

The NBFC and its subsidiaries would be rebranded Poonawalla Finance, with the existing businesses of Poonawalla Finance to be consolidated into Magma Fincorp.

136. Bengaluru-based RMZ Corp has raised _____ from Canada Pension Plan Investment Board to develop commercial projects in the southern market.

- (a) \$200mn
- (b) \$210mn
- (c) \$300mn
- (d) \$150mn
- (e) \$500mn

Answer: B

Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments) and Bengaluru-based RMZ Corp. announced a joint venture for three office projects on Sunday, with the Canadian fund investing \$210 million.

The joint venture includes three projects—RMZ Nexity and RMZ Spire in Hyderabad and RMZ One Paramount in Chennai—with a development potential of around 10.4 million sq. ft.

137. Piyush Goyal has launched DGFT 'Trade Facilitation' Mobile for promoting ease of doing business and providing quick access to information to importers/exporters. It will significantly contribute to the export target of USD 1 Trillion by _____ and the GDP target of USD 5 Trillion.

- (a) 2024
- (b) 2023
- (c) 2025
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2022

Answer: C

Commerce & Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal launched DGFT 'Trade Facilitation' Mobile App during the online video conference, for promoting ease of doing business and providing quick access to information to importers/exporters.

It has been developed by the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), as per the directions of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

It will significantly contribute to the export target of USD 1 Trillion by 2025 and the GDP target of USD 5 Trillion.

It is a step towards paperless, automated processing systems.

Shri Goyal said that Trade facilitation App is READY for Industry 4.0, as it provides Real-time trade policy updates, notifications, application status alert, tracking help requests
Explore item-wise Export-Import policy & statistics, Track IEC Portfolio etc.

138. China has opened a 5G signal base at the Ganbala radar station which is the world's highest manually operated radar station at an elevation of _____ meters

- (a) 4,356
- (b) 3,545
- (c) 5,374
- (d) 4,598
- (e) 5,673

Answer: C

China has opened a 5G signal base at the Ganbala radar station in the remote Himalayan region of Tibet which is the world's highest manually operated radar station at an elevation of 5,374 meters. The mountain is located in Nagarze County in Tibet which is in the vicinity of borders with India and Bhutan.

139. Name the IT consulting firm which has made a partnership with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd to transform the sales and distribution network of the oil and company digitally.

- (a) Tech Mahindra
- (b) Wipro
- (c) Accenture

- (d) Tata Consultancy Services
- (e) WNS Global Services

Answer: C

Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd. (BPCL) has partnered with Accenture Plc to transform its sales and distribution network digitally.

The IT consulting firm will use its capabilities in data, artificial intelligence (AI) and cloud technologies to build, design and implement a digital platform, called IRIS.

140. Name the Pakistani Human rights crusader and former journalist who has passed away recently.

- (a) Mohamed Hussein Roble
- (b) Ibn Abdur Rehman
- (c) Bishr Al-Khasawneh
- (d) Sadyr Zhaparov
- (e) Saad al-Hariri

Answer: B

Pakistani Human rights crusader and former journalist Ibn Abdur Rehman, who won the Ramon Magsaysay award for his work on fostering India-Pakistan relations, passed away in Lahore.

He was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Peace and International Understanding in 2004, along with Indian Admiral L. Ramdas.

He was the founder of the Pakistan India People Forum for Peace and Democracy (PIPFPD).

141. Under which of the following ministries, the National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture has been established?

- (a) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (e) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Answer: D

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal virtually inaugurated e-SANTA, an electronic marketplace providing a platform to connect aqua farmers and the buyers.

It will enable the farmers to get a better price and the exporters to directly purchase quality products from the farmers enhancing traceability, a key factor in international trade.

The term e-SANTA was coined for the web portal, meaning Electronic Solution for Augmenting NaCSA farmers' Trade in Aquaculture. National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA) is an extension arm of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

He said that e-SANTA will RAISE the lives & income of farmers by:

- Reducing Risk
- Awareness of Products & Markets
- Increase in Income
- Shielding Against Wrong Practice
- Ease of Processes

The platform is equipped with an end-to-end electronic payment system with NaCSA as a

supervising agent and will help India to become self-reliant in Aqua Farming

142. NITI Aayog has launched India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 to provide single-window access to the energy data for the country. Which among the following data has not been incorporated in the portal?

- (a) Saubhagya
- (b) PRAAPTI
- (c) UJALA
- (d) Vidyut PRAVAH
- (e) UJJWALA

Answer: E

NITI Aayog launched the India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0. It is an endeavor to provide single-window access to the energy data for the country.

Energy data published/provided by Central Electricity Authority, Coal

NITI Aayog launched the Version 1.0 in May 2017. API linked data from Saubhagya, UJALA, PRAAPTI, and Vidyut PRAVAH has been incorporated in the portal.

143. State Bank of India and National Payments Corporation of India have launched UPI awareness campaign for _____ users to focus on deepening the reach of UPI transactions across all sections of the population.

- (a) PayZapp
- (b) SBI's Anywhere
- (c) YONO

- (d) No Queue App
(e) ConnectPlus

Answer: C

Country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) and the umbrella body of retail and digital payments National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) joined hands to launch a dedicated campaign to focus on deepening the reach of UPI transactions across all sections of the population.

This joint initiative aims at encouraging users of SBI's banking and lifestyle platform YONO to opt for UPI payments which are easy, safe and instantaneous.

144. Siddharth Singh Longjam has taken over as the National Anti-Doping Agency's Director General. Who among the following has been replaced by him?

- (a) Ajai Malhotra
(b) Dr A Sakthivel
(c) Vijay Sampla
(d) Dushyant Chautala
(e) Navin Agarwal

Answer: E

IAS officer Siddharth Singh Longjam will take over as the National Anti-Doping Agency's Director General, succeeding Navin Agarwal who listed the creation of Athletes Biological Passport (ABP) for around 60 elite Indian sportspersons as one of the highlights of his tenure.

Longjam is currently serving as joint secretary in the sports ministry and is also the CEO of the currently

suspended National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL).

145. Who has been appointed as the new President & Chief Executive Officer for Canon India, effective from April 1, 2021?

- (a) Soma Mondal
(b) Suneet Sharma
(c) Manabu Yamazaki
(d) Jean Michel
(e) Saiyam Mehra

Answer: C

Canon India Pvt. Ltd., announced the appointment of Mr. Manabu Yamazaki as the new President & CEO for Canon India, effective April 1, 2021.

In his new role, Mr. Yamazaki will be spearheading Canon's business strategy and operations in India.

Before his new role, he was working as the Chief Regional Officer for the brand in Eastern China, overseeing various functions in the APAC region.

Mr. Yamazaki has been associated with Canon since 1989 and has also been a notable contributor in business management across European, Middle Eastern, Russian, and African markets.

146. Which of the following countries has honoured Yusuffali MA and 11 other individuals with top civilian award for their noble and charitable contributions to the community?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
(b) Qatar
(c) UAE

- (d) Israel
(e) Yemen

Answer: C

Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and deputy supreme commander of the UAE Armed Forces Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan has honoured Indian-origin businessman Yusuffali MA and 11 other individuals with Abu Dhabi's top civilian award for their noble and charitable contributions to the community.

Yusuffali, 65, the Chairman and Managing Director of Abu Dhabi-based LuLu Group which operates hypermarkets and retail companies in many countries, was honoured on Friday by the Crown Prince.

The awards, which were given at the 10th edition of the Abu Dhabi Awards held at Qasr Al Hosn, Abu Dhabi.

147. Satish Kaul who has passed away recently. He was a well-known _____.

- (a) Lok Sabha MP
(b) Journalist
(c) Mountaineer
(d) Music Director
(e) Actor

Answer: E

Veteran Punjabi actor Satish Kaul, 75, who acted in Punjabi and Hindi films besides playing the role of Lord Indra in the TV show Mahabharat, died of Covid-19 in Ludhiana

148. The four day long special vaccination drive, Teeka Utsav has begun on the Birth anniversary of social reformer Jyotiba Phule. It would culminate on which of the following days?

- (a) Apr 13
(b) Apr 12
(c) Apr 11
(d) Apr 14
(e) Apr 16

Answer: D

The four day long special vaccination drive, Teeka Utsav is progressing smoothly all over the country.

The vaccine drive which began on the Birth anniversary of social reformer Jyotiba Phule will culminate on 14th April on the occasion of birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

Emphasising on the need to follow both personal and social hygiene, Mr. Modi urged citizens to imbibe these four principles which include 'Each One, Vaccinate One' , 'Each One , Treat One' , 'Each One, Save One' , and people led creation of Micro Containment Zones.

149. Name the spacecraft, which is the longest-lived at the Red Planet, was launched 20 years ago by NASA.

- (a) Air Bubble
(b) Polar Lande
(c) Odyssey
(d) Express
(e) Hubbles

Answer: C

NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft launched 20

years ago on April 7, has made it the oldest

spacecraft still working at the Red Planet.

The orbiter, which takes its name from Arthur C.

Clarke's classic sci-fi novel "2001: A Space

Odyssey", was sent to map the composition of the

Martian surface in 2021 .

Project Scientist Jeffrey Plaut of NASA's Jet

Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California said

that before Odyssey, we didn't know where water

was stored on the planet.

The feasibility of humans traveling to Mars was also

the focus of an instrument aboard Odyssey that

measured how much space radiation astronauts

would have to contend with before it stopped

working in 2003.

The most complete global maps of Mars were made

using Odyssey's infrared camera, called the Thermal

Emission Imaging System, or THEMIS.

150. Name the film producer who has been conferred with the second highest civilian French honour, the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters.

(a) Ben Sharrock

(b) Guneet Monga

(c) Bruce Willis

(d) Meryl Streep

(e) Jack Sidey

Answer: B

Oscar-winning producer Producer Guneet Monga,

known for backing films like "The Lunchbox" and

"Masaan", has been awarded with the second highest civilian French honour.

Monga was given the honour of Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters(Chevalier dans L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres) at the Embassy of France by French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Dria

Ordre des Arts et des Lettres of France rewards contributors across the globe under three

categories- Commandeur, Officier et Chevalier.

Earlier, prominent names like Hollywood star Meryl Streep, Leonardo DiCaprio, Bruce Willis have been felicitated with the Commandeur title while superstar Shah Rukh Khan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan have won the Officier title.

151. The World Parkinson's Day is celebrated every year on which date to create awareness about the disease among the general public?

(a) Apr 11

(b) Apr 12

(c) Apr 13

(d) Apr 15

(e) Apr 14

Answer: A

World Parkinson's Day is being observed every year on 11th April to create awareness about the disease among the general public.

The disease can cause slowness of the movements, stiffness and shakiness of the body.

The day marks the birthday of Dr James Parkinson from London, who was the first person to

systematically describe the six individuals with the symptoms of Parkinson Disease.

152. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has sanctioned a road development projects of 291 km worth _____ for the state of Madhya Pradesh.

- (a) ₹ 385Crore
- (b) ₹ 500Crore
- (c) ₹ 726 Crore
- (d) ₹ 649Crore
- (e) ₹ 558Crore

Answer: C

The Central Government has approved Rs 726 crore highway projects in Madhya Pradesh.

These projects are for building 291 km of highways in the State.

These projects include preparation of detailed project reports for upgradation of declared National Highway (572 Km) at a cost of 17.72 crore besides strengthening of road section of Sagar-Chhatrapur on NH 86/934 at a cost of 22.65 crore.

Balance work of Sidhi-Singrauli highway has been sanctioned in the state of Madhya Pradesh at a cost of 529.44 Cr," Gadkari said.

Among other projects sanctioned include Bamitha-Khajuraho road at a cost of 73.43 crore.

153. Ladakh has planned to accomplish the ambitious target of providing _____ to every rural household i.e. 100% coverage by 2022.

- (a) Electricity
- (b) Solar

- (c) Tap Water
- (d) Smart Phone
- (e) Television

Answer: C

Ladakh has planned to accomplish the ambitious target of providing tap connection to every rural household i.e. 100% coverage by 2022.

During the current year 2021-22, the UT plans to provide tap connections to 32,514 households and the remaining 11,568 households by next year.

In 2021-22, Rs. 50,000 Crore budgetary allocation has been made for Jal Jeevan Mission.

In addition to this, there is also Rs. 26,940 Crore assured fund available under the 15th Finance Commission tied-grants to RLBs/ PRIs for water & sanitation, matching State share and externally aided projects.

Thus, in 2021-22, more than Rs. 1 lakh Crore is planned to be invested in the country to ensure tap water supply to rural homes.

154. Kiren Rijju has inaugurated Khelo India State Centre of Excellence for which among the following game at Water Sports Academy in Srinagar?

- (a) Water polo
- (b) Surfing
- (c) Sailing
- (d) Rowing
- (e) WindSurfing

Answer: D

The Khelo India State Centre of Excellence at J&K Sports Council Water Sports Academy in Srinagar will focus on the sports discipline of Rowing. They will be provided a first-time grant of Rs 145.16 lakhs and an annual recurring grant of Rs 96.17 lakhs.

This is one of the two KISCEs from Jammu & Kashmir itself, with the Maulana Azad Stadium for Fencing discipline in Jammu being the other.

A consolidated amount of Rs. 5.08 crores have been approved for the 2 centres in Jammu & Kashmir.

There are currently 24 KISCEs across 23 States and Union Territories and each of them focuses on Olympics sports discipline.

155. Which of the following banks has made a tie up with Jeep India to launch Jeep Financial Services for Jeep customers and Jeep brand dealers?

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) Yes Bank
- (c) Karnataka Bank
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) HDFC Bank

Answer: A

Jeep India announces a strategic partnership with Axis Bank to launch Jeep Financial Services, which will curate financial solutions for Jeep customers as well as Jeep brand dealers.

The formation of this entity strategically supports the anticipated growth in Jeep India's business and a consequent rise in its customer base.

156. North Korea has announced that it would not attend the Tokyo Olympic Games because of COVID-19. North, South Korea will bid jointly for the summer Olympic Games of which year?

- (a) 2024
- (b) 2032
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2028

Answer: B

North Korea became the first country to drop out of the Tokyo Olympics because of coronavirus fears.

The decision makes it the first time North Korea has missed a Summer Olympics since it boycotted Seoul in 1988 amid the Cold War.

The North's withdrawal from Tokyo is also a setback for plans, agreed at a 2018 summit between Moon and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, to pursue a joint Korean bid to host the 2032 Games.

157. Piyush Goyal has dedicated Hansdiha-Godda New Line to the Nation and flagged off Godda- New Delhi Humsafar special train through video conferencing. What is the total expenditure of the project?

- (a) 663 Cr
- (b) 578 Cr
- (c) 980Cr
- (d) 438Cr
- (e) 755Cr

Answer: A

Shri Piyush Goyal dedicated Hansdiha-Godda New Line to the Nation and flagged off Godda- New Delhi Humsafar special train through video conferencing. Total expenditure of Rs.663 crores has been spent for the development of infrastructure work and providing passenger amenities in the State of Jharkhand.

Total length of the new line project is 32 km, which runs through Godda and Dumka districts of Jharkhand.

158.Name the army officer who has broken 2 Guinness World Records for fastest solo cycling

- (a) Sharad Goklani
- (b) Bharat Pannu
- (c) Jaideep Bhatnagar
- (d) Pramod Chandra Mody
- (e) DP Pandey

Answer: B

Indian Army's Lieutenant Colonel Bharat Pannu has earned two Guinness World Records for his fastest solo cycling feats from October last year.

The first record was created when Pannu cycled from Leh to Manali (472 km distance) on October 10, 2020, in just 35 hours and 25 minutes.

Pannu created a second record when he cycled the 5,942-km-long 'Golden Quadrilateral' route, which connects Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata, in 14 days, 23 hours and 52 minutes

159. Ashutosh has been given the Devi Shankar Awasthi award 2020 for his work on which among the following books?

- (a) Race With Me
- (b) Pitru Slaughter
- (c) Unfinished
- (d) Vahana Masterclass
- (e) Oh Mizoram

Answer: B

Ashutosh has been given the Devi Shankar Awasthi Award for his work 'Pitru Slaughter' He was elected by the selection committee of Ashok Vajpayee, Nandkishore Acharya and Rajendra Kumar.

This book has been published in English under the name of 'The Death Trap'.

160. Padma Shri awardee Fatma Zakaria has passed away recently. She was a noted

- _____.
- (a) Filmmaker
 - (b) Social Activist
 - (c) Urdu Poet
 - (d) Kuchipudi Dancer
 - (e) Journalist

Answer: E

Noted educationist and journalist Fatma Zakaria, a Padma Shri awardee, died in Maharashtra. Zakaria, 85, was the wife of the former minister, MP and writer late Rafiq Zakaria, and mother of noted journalist Fareed Zakaria. She was the chairman of the Maulana Azad Educational Trust.

161. Which of the following has tied up with India Accelerator to mentor startups working in the sports arena?

- (a) JSW
- (b) Usiminas
- (c) Cenergy Holdings.
- (d) Baosteel.
- (e) Reliance

Answer: A

JSW Sports has partnered with India Accelerator to mentor startups working in the sports arena.

The partnership aims to mentor startups working in the sports arena, sports data, gaming and esports, and create a holistic ecosystem for them, a statement said.

As part of the partnership, both firms will jointly offer a 16-week long accelerator programme to a cohort of five to seven seed-stage startups, it added.

162. Name the state government which has been established the Veerni Awards to recognise the contribution of Indian women in different fields.

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Chhattisgarh
- (e) Haryana

Answer: D

Dutee Chand, the Jakarta Asian Games silver-medalist in 100 and 200 metres, has been chosen

for the inaugural edition of the Chhattisgarh Veerni Award, by the Chhattisgarh state government .

The award recognises the contribution of Indian women in different fields, including sports.

Dutee, who holds the national record of 11.22 secs in 100m, is aiming to achieve Tokyo Olympics qualification time of 11.15 secs in the coming months.

163. Politician Raosaheb Antapurkar died recently. He was a member of which of the following political parties?

- (a) BJP
- (b) RSS
- (c) INC
- (d) AAP
- (e) CPI

Answer: C

Maharashtra Congress MLA Raosaheb Antapurkar died while undergoing treatment for post-COVID complications at a hospital.

Antapurkar was a two-time MLA from Degloor Assembly constituency in Nanded district.

164. Name the brand which has been made it to the list of most awarded work for media excellence by World Advertising Research Centre for 2020.

- (a) Gillette
- (b) Head & Shoulders
- (c) Ariel
- (d) Oral-B
- (e) Tide

Answer: C

Procter & Gamble India's long-running campaign for its detergent brand Ariel has made it to the list of most awarded work for media excellence by World Advertising Research Centre (WARC) for 2020.

WARC is an online marketing intelligence service that provides independent benchmarks for excellence in creativity, media, and effectiveness.

165. Name the state which has inaugurated the Advanced Antiquities Management System for preservation of historical objects.

- (a) Goa
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Assam

Answer: A

The Directorate of Archives and Archaeology (DAA) of the Goa government inaugurated the Advanced Antiquities Management System that it claimed was the first such system in the country for storage of antiquities.

The system that catalogues 83 antiquities at present is aimed at providing quick information about an antiquity linked to the software, saving storage space and ensuring improved preservation of the objects of historical significance.

It is Developed by Shailendra Phatak of Pune-based I-Tech Business Solutions.

166. Who among the following has been appointed as acting Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court?

- (a) Chintan Vaishnav
- (b) Sanjay Yadav
- (c) Subhash Kumar
- (d) Adil Zainulbhai
- (e) Shabir Khandwawala

Answer: B

The Central government notified the appointment of Justice Sanjay Yadav as the Acting Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

The appointment comes in view of the impending retirement of current Chief Justice, Govind Mathur. Justice Yadav enrolled at the Bar in 1986 and was elevated as a judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court in 2007.

167. As per the RBI data, bank deposits have crossed the milestone of 150 trillion. This translates into a growth of _____% from the same period last year.

- (a) 9.3
- (b) 7.9
- (c) 10.5
- (d) 9.7
- (e) 11.3

Answer: E

Banks in India have crossed the milestone of ₹150 trillion in deposits, as inflows continue at a staggering pace.

Deposits had touched the ₹100-trillion mark in September 2016 and had crossed ₹50 trillion in February 2011.

Outstanding bank deposits stood at ₹151.13 trillion as on 26 March, the last fortnight of the financial year, showed data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

This translates into a growth of 11.3% from the same period last year.

168. Indian Railways has reduced its diesel fuel bill by over Rs 8000 crore in 2020-21. Out of the total 63,949 km rail route, the railways has electrified _____ km as on March 31, 2021

- (a) 45,581 km
- (b) 55,345 km
- (c) 42,562 km
- (d) 57,242 km
- (e) 48,323 km

Answer: A

Indian Railways has reduced its diesel fuel bill by over Rs 8000 crore in 2020-21.

Railways has reduced diesel consumption from 3.06 billion litres in the fiscal 2018-19 to 1.43 billion litres in 2020-21 as more and more diesel locomotives are being replaced with electric ones.

It is estimated that 3.7 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions are being prevented by reduction in 1.63 billion litres of diesel consumption during 2020-21.

Out of the total 63,949 km rail route, railways has electrified 45,581 km as on March 31, 2021

Railways' energy consumption was 2,000 MW in 2019-20, which increased to 3,400 MW with the present level of traffic.

According to the Railways, traction energy consumption is expected to touch 4,000 MW with 100 per cent electrification by December 2023 and anticipated savings on energy would be over Rs 14,000 crore.

169. India's first Floating Storage and Regasification Unit 'Hoegh Giant' has reached Jaigarh terminal in Maharashtra. The Höegh Giant built in which among the following year?

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2021
- (c) 2015
- (d) 2000
- (e) 2017

Answer: E

India's first Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU) has arrived at H-Energy's Jaigarh Terminal in Maharashtra.

The FSRU 'Hoegh Giant', which sailed from Keppel Shipyard, Singapore, was berthed at Jaigarh terminal in Maharashtra.

The LNG terminal is located at JSW Jaigarh Port in the Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. The port is the first deep water, 24x7 operational private port in Maharashtra.

The 2017-built Höegh Giant has storage capacity of 170,000 cubic metres and installed regasification

capacity of 750 million cubic feet per day (equivalent to about six million tonnes a year).

H-Energy has chartered the FSRU for a 10 year period.

India aims to increase the share of natural gas in India's energy mix from present 6 per cent to 15 per cent by 2030.

170. Under which scheme, the Delhi Technological University would be launched a 'lab on wheels' for the students studying in Delhi schools?

- (a) Education Finds You
- (b) Education Reaches You
- (c) Digital Village-Literate India
- (d) Digital Tribal-Literate India
- (e) Education Teaches You

Answer: B

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia inaugurated a lab on wheels, which is part of Delhi Technological University's (DTU) Education Reaches You scheme.

The aim of this project is to educate the students residing in rural areas.

The vehicle hosts 17 computer systems, 2 television sets, one 3D printer, air conditioner, surveillance cameras, and printer.

171. Which of the following company has entered into a strategic and commercial partnership with the Gujarat-based Adani Group for logistics and data centre-related businesses?

- (a) Flipkart
- (b) Amazon

(c) Microsoft

(d) Yahoo

(e) Myntra

Answer: A

Flipkart, one of India's largest e-commerce firms, has entered into a strategic and commercial partnership with the Gujarat-based Adani Group for logistics and data centre-related businesses.

The fulfilment centre that will be set up at the Adani Logistics hub in Mumbai will be leased to Flipkart, while the proposed data centre is due to come up at AdaniConneX's facility in Chennai, the companies said.

172. Name the cricket player who has won New Zealand Cricket Awards 2020-21 in the category of Women's Dream11 Super Smash Player of the Year.

- (a) Amelia Kerr
- (b) Naomi Dattani
- (c) Aylish Cranstone
- (d) Charlie Dean
- (e) Tammy Beaumont

Answer: A

As New Zealand Cricket (NZC) announced its Cricket Awards for the 2020-21 season, the Blackcaps skipper Kane Williamson bagged the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal for the fourth time in the last six years.

- Sir Richard Hadlee Medal: Kane Williamson (Northern Districts)

- Bert Sutcliffe Medal for Outstanding Services to Cricket: Jeff Crowe
- ANZ International Test Player of the Year: Kane Williamson (Northern Districts)
- ANZ International Women's ODI Player of the Year: Amy Satterthwaite (Canterbury)
- ANZ International Men's ODI Player of the Year: Devon Conway (Wellington)
- The Redpath Cup for first-class batting: Kane Williamson (Northern Districts)The Ruth Martin
- Cup for women's domestic batting: Kate Ebrahim (Canterbury)
- The Winsor Cup for first-class bowling: Kyle Jamieson (Auckland)
- The Phyl Blackler Cup for women's domestic bowling: Sarah Asmussen (Canterbury)G.J.
- Gardner Homes New Zealand Umpire of the Year: Chris Brown
- ANZ International Women's T20 Player of the Year: Amelia Kerr (Wellington)
- ANZ International Men's T20 Player of the Year: Devon Conway (Wellington)
- Women's Domestic Player of the Year: Frankie Mackay (Canterbury)
- Men's Domestic Player of the Year: Daryl Mitchell (Canterbury)
- Women's Dream11 Super Smash Player of the Year: Amelia Kerr (Wellington)
- Men's Dream11 Super Smash Player of the Year: Finn Allen (Wellington)

173. Ramsey Clark has passed away recently. He was a well-known as _____.

- (a) American Songwriter
- (b) Veteran industrialist
- (c) Renowned Mathematician
- (d) Renowned cartoonist
- (e) U.S. Attorney General

Answer: E

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark passed away on April 9 at the age of 93.

Clark held senior positions in the United States Department of Justice under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

He served as U.S Attorney General from 1967 to 1969, was Deputy Attorney General from 1965 to 1967, and Assistant Attorney General from 1961 to 1965.

He supervised the drafting of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

As attorney general, Clark was known for his opposition to the death penalty and support of civil liberties and civil rights for all.

After leaving government service Clark led many progressive activism campaigns, including opposition to the Vietnam War, The Gulf War, and the War on Terror.

He offered advice or legal defense to controversial figures including Slobodan Milošević, Saddam Hussein, and Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

174. ICCR's "Little Guru" app is the world's first Gamified learning App. The specialized app is used for learning which of the following languages?

- (a) Tamil
- (b) Hindi
- (c) Marathi
- (d) Sanskrit
- (e) Urdu

Answer: D

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is celebrating its 71st Foundation Day on 9th April 2021.

ICCR was founded on 9th April 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Independent India.

On the occasion, the ICCR has unveiled 'Little Guru' app, world's first Gamified Sanskrit learning App which was jointly launched in Beijing by Ambassador Vikram Misri and renowned Chinese scholar on Sanskrit and India studies, Professor Wang Bangwei. ICCR has tied up with Gampp Sportswizz Tech. Pvt. Ltd. to launch 'LITTLE GURU', a specialized app for learning Sanskrit.

This year, ICCR has also announced two new fellowships dedicated to music - Bhimsen Joshi fellowship for music and Ustad Ghulam Mustafa Khan fellowship for Music to encourage research in the field of Indian music.

175. 13th April 2021 marks the _____ anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre.

- (a) 102

(b) 112

(c) 101

(d) 110

(e) 100

Answer: A

On the 102nd Anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre on 13th April, 2021, Films Division is screening three documentary films as a tribute to the martyrs of the tragedy.

The films are: Jallianwala Bagh (18 Mins/Prem Prakash/English/1970) which tells how the massacre became a turning point in the history of India's freedom struggle.

Hero of Jallianwala Bagh - Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew (27 Mins/S.Azaad/Hindi/2011), a biographical film on the hero of Jallianwala Bagh, Dr. S Kitchlew 13 04 1919 (12 Mins /Amrit Pal Singh/Hindi/ 2019), a short film on the horrific carnage of innocent people by British army at Jallianwala Bagh and on the Memorial built to commemorate the tragic event.

176. The United Arab Emirates named the next two astronauts in its space programme. Who among the following was the UAE's first female astronaut?

- (a) Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi
- (b) Noura Al Kaabi
- (c) Lubna Olayan
- (d) Reem Al Hashemi
- (e) Noura al-Matroushi

Answer: E

The United Arab Emirates named the next two astronauts in its space programme, including the country's first female astronaut.

Noura al-Matroushi was the UAE's first female astronaut.

The announcement gave no biographical information about her or her male counterpart, Mohammed al-Mulla.

The two will undergo training at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

This February, the UAE put its Amal, or Hope, satellite in orbit around Mars, a first for the Arab world. In 2024, the country hopes to put an unmanned spacecraft on the moon.

The UAE also has set the ambitious goal of building a human colony on Mars by 2117.

177. India has opted out of is the world's largest free trade agreement. Name the initiative.

- (a) Economic Cooperation Organization Trade Agreement
- (b) Economic Partnership Agreements
- (c) Trans-Pacific Partnership
- (d) Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership
- (e) Tripartite Free Trade Area

Answer: D

Singapore ratified the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, becoming the first participating country to do so in a multi-nation trade pact that brings together the 10 ASEAN economies as well as Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea.

The RCEP, an initiative led by China, is the world's largest free trade agreement but India had opted out of it though it had been widely expected to be an important market with a large consumer base and export potential.

The RCEP was signed by the 15 participating countries in November last year.

178. Name the Union minister who has inaugurated the first bi-annual Indian Air Force IAF Commanders' Conference 2021 at Air Headquarters Vayu Bhawan in New Delhi.

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- (e) Harsh Vardhan

Answer: B

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated First bi-annual Indian Air Force IAF Commanders' Conference 2021 at Air Headquarters Vayu Bhawan in New Delhi.

The conference of apex level leadership is aimed at addressing the issues of IAF's operational capabilities in the times to come.

179. Name the state which has launched a 14-day 'mask abhiyan' as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

- (a) Tamilnadu
- (b) Assam
- (c) Odisha

- (d) Gujarat
(e) Kerala

Answer: C

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a 14-day 'mask abhiyan' as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus in view of rising cases and urged people to strictly follow the safety guidelines. Bringing an amendment to the Odisha Covid-19 Regulations under the Epidemic Diseases Act-1897.

180. The Spanish city of Seville will host the 22nd Laureus World Sports Awards on May 6. The last was held at Barcelona in which year?

- (a) 2011
(b) 2013
(c) 2006
(d) 2007
(e) 2000

Answer: D

The Spanish city of Seville will host the 22nd Laureus World Sports Awards on May 6 in a virtual ceremony owing to the raging COVID-19 pandemic. The last was in Barcelona in 2007.

2021 World Sports Awards, especially at such a moment as this for the City of Seville, which is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the first circumnavigation of the Earth by Ferdinand Magellan and Juan Sebastian Elcano.

The awards show, featuring presentations and related news stories, will be available to the world's media, and broadcast extensively on Laureus social media platforms.

The winners of Laureus World Sports Awards are selected by a jury comprising 69 members of the Laureus World Sports Academy.

181. PM Modi has inaugurated the 6th Edition of the prestigious Raisina Dialogue. The Ministry of External Affairs along with which of the following organizations have organised the event?

- (a) Border Research Organisation
(b) DRDO
(c) ISRO
(d) Observer Research Foundation
(e) RAC

Answer: D

PM Modi has inaugurated the 6th Edition of the prestigious Raisina Dialogue.

The Event is jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation. The theme for the 2021 Edition is "#ViralWorld: Outbreaks, Outliers and Out of Control".

182. Name the South African player who has named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March.

- (a) Even Webber
(b) Kerri Laing
(c) Debbie Carr
(d) Lynn Sing
(e) Lizelle Lee

Answer: E

Experienced India seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar won the ICC Player of the Month award for his superlative show in the limited overs series against England in March.

South African Lizelle Lee, who played four ODIs against India where she scored a century and two half-centuries to move to the top of Women's ODI batting rankings, was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for March.

183. The World Chagas Disease Day is observed on 14 April .It was celebrated for the first time in which year?

- (a) 2021
- (b) 2008
- (c) 2006
- (d) 2020
- (e) 2017

Answer: D

World Chagas Disease Day is observed on 14 April . This celebration, the second in history, takes place against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic which continues to disproportionately affect vulnerable populations around the world, including people affected by Chagas disease.

Patients who have heart conditions caused by Chagas disease could be at higher risk of severe complications from COVID-19.

Considered by the World Health Organization as one of the 20 neglected tropical diseases

The World Chagas Disease Day was initiated by the International Federation of Associations of People Affected by Chagas Disease.

184. Ambedkar Jayanti (April 14) has been observed as an official public holiday throughout India since _____.

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2004
- (c) 2000
- (d) 2016
- (e) 2008

Answer: A

Ambedkar Jayanti or Bhim Jayanti is observed every year on April 14 to commemorate the memory of BR Ambedkar, the father of the constitution of India and civil rights activist.

The day marks the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar who was born on April 14, 1891.

Ambedkar Jayanti has been observed as an official public holiday throughout India since 2015.

Ambedkar completed the final manuscript of his book on Buddhism 'The Buddha and His Dhamma' in December 1956.

BR Ambedkar was conferred the country's highest civilian honor, Bharat Ratna, posthumously in 1990.

185. The International Turban Day has been marked every year on which day,since 2004?

- (a) Apr 14
- (b) Apr 12
- (c) Apr 13

(d) Apr 11

(e) Apr 10

Answer: C

International Turban Day is celebrated on April 13th every year.

This event was started in 2004 to bring awareness of the strict requirement on Sikhs to don the turban as a mandatory part of their religion.

186. A famous Historian, Yogesh Praveen has died recently. He was awarded with Padma Shri in which year?

(a) 2016

(b) 2018

(c) 2019

(d) 2014

(e) 2017

Answer: C

Eminent Historian and an expert on Awadh especially Lucknow Yogesh Praveen died in Lucknow

Awarded with Padma Shri in 2019 he had a long association with All India Radio Lucknow also.

187. Balbir Singh Junior has passed away recently. He was associated which of the following sports?

(a) Football

(b) Hockey

(c) Kabadi

(d) Athletic

(e) Swimming

Answer: B

Balbir Singh Junior, who was a member of the silver medal- winning 1958 Asian Games Indian hockey team, died here at the age of 88.

Balbir Singh Junior was born on May 2, 1932, at Sansarpur in Jalandhar, also known as the nursery of hockey players in India.

188. Name the first female commentator of cricket in India, who has died recently.

(a) Ujwala Nikam

(b) Chandra Nayudu

(c) Sandhya Agarwal

(d) Rajeshwari Dholakia

(e) Sujata Sridhar

Answer: B

Chandra Nayudu, the first female commentator of cricket in India, died in April 2021.

Chandra Nayudu was one of the earliest female commentators in India. She did commentary for the first time in a 1977

cricket match played in Indore between the teams of National Champions Bombay and MCC

Chandra Nayudu witnessed the Golden Jubilee Test match played between India and England at Lord's Cricket Ground in 1982.

189. Federation Internationale de Football

Association has suspended _____ Football

Association with immediate effect due to government interference.

(a) Nigeria

(b) Ethiopia

- (c) Chad
- (d) Congo
- (e) Tanzania

Answer: C

FIFA has suspended the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) due to third-party interference and also the Chadian Football Association (FTFA) with immediate effect due to government interference. FIFA said in a statement the decision to suspend the PFF was prompted by the recent "hostile takeover" of its headquarters in Lahore by a group of protesters and an alleged decision by certain individuals to remove the FIFA-appointed normalisation committee of the PFF.

190. Udhampur district of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has bagged top position at National level for successfully implementing Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2020-21. The district has received the top position for constructing roads of _____ km in 2020-21.

- (a) 560.49 km
- (b) 470.78 km
- (c) 626.23 km
- (d) 456.67 km
- (e) 733.56 km

Answer: A

Udhampur district of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has bagged top position at National level for successfully implementing Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2020-21.

The district has received top position for constructing roads of 560.49 km in 2020-21.

However, four more districts from the Union Territory have also figured in the list of PMGSY top performing 30 districts in the country. It includes Rajouri, Doda, Kathua and Reasi districts of Jammu division of Jammu and Kashmir.

191. Which among the following organizations will set up a Covid-19 hospital with 500 beds equipped with ICU facilities in a few days in Delhi Cantonment?

- (a) Border Roads Organisation
- (b) DRDO
- (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- (d) IRCTC
- (e) RAC

Answer: B

Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO will set up a Covid-19 hospital with 500 beds equipped with ICU facilities in a few days in Delhi Cantonment.

The doctors would be provided by both military and paramilitary forces for treating patients.

The 1,000-bed facility, which was set up near the airport [last year], was wound up in February first week.

Now again a 500-bed facility is being set up at the same place.

192. Name the tropical cyclone which has ripped across a 1,000km stretch of Western Australia in April 2021.

- (a) Audrey
- (b) Dinah
- (c) Seroja
- (d) Emily
- (e) Cliff

Answer: C

Tropical cyclone Seroja has ripped across a 1,000km stretch of Western Australia, leaving a trail of damage.

The category three storm made landfall near the town of Kalbarri with wind speed of up to 170km/h. Residents reported smashed houses, fallen trees and downed power lines.

193. Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched a new mission called 'Aahaar Kranti. Which of the following organizations have come together to launch the mission?

- (a) Vijnana Bharati
- (b) Vigyan Prasar
- (c) Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark
- (d) Only 1 & 2
- (e) All of these

Answer: E

Dr Harsh Vardhan will launch a new mission called 'Aahaar Kranti'

The 'Aahaar Kranti' movement is designed to address the peculiar problem being faced by India

and the world called 'hunger and diseases in abundance'.

Studies estimate that India produces as much as two times the amount of calories that it consumes. However, many in the country are still malnourished. The root cause of this strange phenomenon is a lack of nutritional awareness in all sections of our society.

The United Nations has also declared 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, which vibes very well with Aadhaar Kranti.

Vijnana Bharati, Global Indian Scientists and Technocrats Forum, Vigyan Prasar, and Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark have come together to launch this mission.

194. Who among the following has laid the foundation stone for the work of construction of the balance portion of Ravi Canal near Basantpur, Kathua?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
- (b) Prakash Javdekar
- (c) Giriraj Singh
- (d) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- (e) Jitendra Singh

Answer: E

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, MoS PMO, Dr Jitendra Singh laid the foundation stone for the work of construction of the balance portion of Ravi Canal near Basantpur, Kathua.

The Government of India is constructing Shahpur Kandi dam Project in a mission mode with an aim to utilize full water of Ravi River in Indian Territory.

Shahpur kandi Dam Project shall provide intensive irrigation facilities in 32173 Hectares area falling in Kathua and Samba districts.

Expressing hope to start the filling of the reservoir of Shahpur Kandi Dam Project by November 2022

195. The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has approved additional funding for clinical studies of mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccine _____.

- (a) CVnCoV19
- (b) Comirnaty (BNT162b2)
- (c) Moderna
- (d) Convidicea (Ad5-nCoV)
- (e) HGCO19

Answer: E

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has announced that it has approved additional funding for clinical studies of mRNA-based COVID-19 vaccine - HGCO19.

This funding has been provided under the Mission COVID Suraksha.

The vaccine is developed by Pune based biotechnology company Gennova

Biopharmaceuticals Limited. The company has initiated the process to enroll healthy volunteers for the Phase I and II clinical trials.

Expressing happiness that India's first mRNA based Covid-19 vaccine is going to clinical trials, Secretary of Department of Biotechnology, Dr. Renu Swarup said this is a new technology and never used for vaccine manufacturing in India before.

196. National Highways Authority of India has decided to deploy _____ to enhance the quality of the National Highways in the country.

- (a) Emergency Escape Ramp
- (b) Vehicle Rapid Transit
- (c) Network Survey Vehicle
- (d) Fast Cycle Route
- (e) Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Answer: C

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to deploy a Network Survey Vehicle, NSV to enhance the quality of the National Highways in the country.

Carrying out road condition surveys using NSV on the National Highways has been made mandatory at the time of certifying completion of the project and every six months thereafter.

197. Which of the following organization has notified the pre-packaged insolvency resolution process regulations for micro, small and medium enterprises?

- (a) SIDBI
- (b) RBI
- (c) FSDC
- (d) IRDAI
- (e) IBBI

Answer: E

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India has notified the pre-packaged insolvency resolution process regulations for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)

The prepack regulations define the eligibility and terms of appointment of resolution professionals, the norms for meetings between creditors and provide the modalities for the evaluation of resolution plans.

198. Which of the following statements are true about new guidelines on reporting formats for mutual funds?

- i) Complete compliance certificate test(CTR) would have to be submitted by AMC to the regulator on a quarterly basis
- ii) The reports need to be submitted to trustees within 30 days from the end of respective quarters.
- iii) Half-yearly trustee report, the new framework would come into effect for reporting from the half-year ended Dec 2021.

- (a) Only i
- (b) Only iii
- (c) Only ii
- (d) Only i & ii
- (e) Only i & iii

Answer: A

Capital markets watchdog Sebi came out with fresh guidelines on reporting formats for mutual funds.

The formats for the reports to be submitted by asset management companies (AMCs) to trustees, by AMCs to Sebi and by trustees to the regulator have been revised on the basis of consultation from the industry.

The compliance certificate to be submitted by an AMC to the trustees on a bi-monthly basis and half-yearly basis would be discontinued.

The contents of both these reports have been incorporated in the quarterly report by AMC to trustees .

The reports need to be submitted to trustees within 21 days from the end of respective quarters.

Complete compliance certificate test(CTR) would have to be submitted by AMC to the regulator on a quarterly basis, by the 21st calendar day of the succeeding month for the quarters ending March, June, September and December.

For quarterly report and report on compliance certificate test, the guidelines would come into effect for reporting from the quarter ending June 2021.

Half-yearly trustee report, the new framework would come into effect for reporting from the half-year ended March 2021.

199. Bihar has offered the facility for persons with disabilities to travel free of cost up to _____ kilometres in its public transport buses and a discount of 50 per cent on further travel.

- (a) 50
- (b) 75
- (c) 100
- (d) 150
- (e) 70

Answer: A

In an effort to make public transport more comfortable and convenient for persons with disabilities, the Bihar state transport corporation has offered them the facility to travel free of cost up to 50

kilometres in its buses and a discount of 50 per cent on further travel.

The Bihar state transport corporation has also been directed to reserve seats near the main entrance and that display system and sound system in transport corporation buses be functional, said Shivaji Kumar, the state's disabilities commissioner.

200. India has established a bilateral air bubble arrangement with which of the following country for operation of special international passenger flights between the two countries?

- (a) China
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Nepal
- (e) Bhutan

Answer: B

India has established a bilateral air bubble arrangement with Sri Lanka for operation of special international passenger flights between the two countries.

With this, India now has such pacts with 28 countries, including Afghanistan, Bahrain, Canada, France, Germany, Iraq, Japan, the Maldives, Nigeria, Qatar, the UAE, the U.K. and the USA.

Under an air bubble pact between two countries, special international passenger flights can be operated by their airlines into each other's territories under restrictive conditions.

India has finalized an air bubble agreement with Sri Lanka, making it the 6th such arrangement in SAARC region and the 28th in total,

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1. India has become the 60th country to approve the use of Russian Based Sputnik-V vaccine. The vaccine has been approved for use in countries with a total population of about % of the global population. (a) 40 %

- (b) 70 %
- (c) 50 %
- (d) 60 %
- (e) 20 %

Answer: A

The Russian Direct Investment Fund has said that India has become the 60th country to approve the use of Sputnik V against coronavirus and more than 850 million doses of the vaccine are going to be produced in the country annually.

The Drug Controller General of India has registered the vaccine under the emergency use authorisation procedure. This is based on results of clinical trials in Russia as well as positive data of additional Phase III local clinical trials in India conducted in partnership with Dr Reddy's Laboratories.

The vaccine has been approved for use in countries with a total population of 3 billion people or about 40% of the global population.

Sputnik will be the third vaccine to be used in India against coronavirus.

In January, DCGI had given the emergency use authorization for two COVID-19 vaccines, Covaxin of Bharat Biotech and Covishield of Oxford-AstraZeneca, manufactured by Serum Institute of India in Pune.

2. The NHAI has recently deployed the Network Survey Vehicle. The survey has been made mandatory at the time of certifying completion as well as after every _____ months thereafter.

- (a) 3 months
- (b) 2 months
- (c) 6 months
- (d) 8 months
- (e) 9 months

Answer: C

The National Highways Authority of India has made deployment of Network Survey Vehicle mandatory to ensure better quality of roads.

NSV uses the latest survey techniques such as high-resolution digital camera for 3,600 imagery, record images/videos at regular intervals, laser road profilometer and other related technology for measurement of distresses in road surface.

Carrying out road condition surveys using NSV on the National Highways has been made mandatory at the time of certifying completion of the project and

every six months thereafter, the NHAI said in a statement.

The provision has also been included as a part of the standard bidding document of consultancy services.

3. The pilot projects have started by Microsoft in how many districts of the states after an MOU with the Agriculture Minister?

- (a) 12
- (b) 8
- (c) 7
- (d) 5
- (e) 10

Answer: E

Solution: The agricultural ministry and Microsoft India have inked a Memorandum of Understanding for a pilot project in 100 villages of six states to promote digital agriculture.

Microsoft will start the pilot project in 100 villages of 10 districts of 6 states (Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh) to develop farmer interface for smart and well-organised agriculture, including post-harvest management and distribution.

For this project, Microsoft has tied up with its local partner, CropData.

The project is for one year and both sides inking the MoU will bear the cost on their own.

4. The American Troops announced its withdrawal from _____ completely by September 11 in

order to end the longest war between these two countries which was started in 2001..

- (a) Uzbekistan
- (b) Afghanistan
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) China
- (e) South Korea

Answer: B

US President Joe Biden has announced that all American troops would be withdrawn from Afghanistan by September 11 this year, thus bringing to end the country's longest war, spanning across two decades.

U.S. forces invaded the country in 2001 following the September 11 attacks, killing nearly 3,000 American.

On 29 February 2020, the United States and the Taliban signed a peace agreement titled the Agreement for Bringing Peace to Afghanistan with provisions including the withdrawal of all regular American and NATO troops from Afghanistan, a Taliban pledge to prevent al-Qaeda from operating in areas under Taliban control, and talks between the Taliban and the Afghan government.

The deal was supported by Pakistan, Russia, and China.

5. The Atal Innovation Mission has signed an agreement with Dassault Systemes Foundation to promote STEM-based innovation and

entrepreneurship among aspiring young minds in 3 broad areas. Who is the chairman of Dassault Systemes Foundation?

- (a) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- (b) Sudarshan Mogasale
- (c) Cintan Vaishnav
- (d) Ramanan Ramanathan
- (e) MR Kumar

Answer: B

Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog signed an agreement with Dassault Systemes Foundation to jointly work towards promoting STEM-based innovation and entrepreneurship among aspiring young minds across the country.

Dassault Systemes Foundation will contribute to the ATL programme in three broad areas - project-based, self-paced learning content, hackathons and challenges and inter-country academia collaborations.

Chairman: Sudarshan Mogasale, Dassault Systemes Foundation.

6. The RBI has set up a 2nd Regulatory Review Authority in which M Rajeshwar Rao has been appointed as the Head of RRA. In which year, the 1st Regulations Review Authority was set up?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2011
- (c) 1991
- (d) 2005
- (e) 1999

Answer: E

The Reserve Bank has set up the second Regulatory Review Authority with a view to streamlining regulations and reducing compliance burden of regulated entities.

The RRA would be set up for a period of one year from May 1, 2021, unless its tenure is extended by the Reserve Bank.

Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao has been appointed as the Head of the 2nd Regulations Review Authority.

The RBI had set up the Regulations Review Authority initially for a period of one year from April 1, 1999, for reviewing regulations, circulars, reporting systems, based on the feedback from public, banks and financial institutions.

Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor Y V Reddy has been appointed as the 1st Head of Regulations Review Authority.

7. Ranjit Sinha, former Central Bureau of Investigation director has passed away recently due to coronavirus. He was appointed as the chief of CBI in which year?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2012
- (e) 2010

Answer: D

Former Central Bureau of Investigation director Ranjit Sinha passed away in Delhi at the age of 68.

Sinha was a retired officer of the 1974 batch of the Indian Police Service and held several senior posts, including that of the CBI director and the director general of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

He was confirmed positive for coronavirus.

Ranjit Sinha had also headed the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and served at senior positions in the CBI in Patna and Delhi before his appointment as CBI chief in 2012 for two-year tenure.

8. Which among the following company is all set to acquire Nuance Communications Inc. for \$19.7 billion?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Tesla
- (c) Google
- (d) IBM
- (e) TCS

Answer: A

Microsoft Corp is buying speech technology company Nuance Communications Inc. in an all-cash deal valued at \$19.7 billion, making a massive bet on health care artificial intelligence.

Microsoft is offering to purchase Nuance at \$56 a share, a 23% premium to Friday's close, according to a statement.

Nuance provides the AI layer at the healthcare point of delivery.

Microsoft's acquisition of Nuance comes after the firms formed a partnership in 2019.

Mark Benjamin will remain the chief executive officer of Nuance and will report to Scott Guthrie, executive vice president of Cloud & AI at Microsoft.

9. "Hydrogen Economy: New Delhi Dialogue – 2021", was addressed by the Union Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. India has requested Oil & Gas companies to set how many Hydrogen plants in the country by the end of 2021?

- (a) 3
- (b) 5
- (c) 9
- (d) 8
- (e) 7

Answer: E

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has addressed the Hydrogen Round Table on "Hydrogen Economy: New Delhi Dialogue – 2021" which took place virtually on 15th April, 2021.

The Hydrogen Roundtable is the first of its kind conference on Hydrogen Ecosystem.

Around 25 panelists from 15 countries such as UAE, Denmark, US took part in the conference, to discuss the emerging hydrogen ecosystem and explore opportunities for collaboration, cooperation and coalition.

During the budget, 2021-22, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the launch of the National Hydrogen Mission for generating hydrogen from green power houses

India is working on a pilot project on Blue Hydrogen, Hydrogen CNG (H-CNG) and Green Hydrogen. Through technological advancements, it is blending hydrogen with compressed natural gas for use as a transportation fuel as well as an industrial input to refineries.

Till date, 50 buses in Delhi are plying on blended hydrogen in Compressed Natural Gas on a pilot basis.

Besides it, India is all set to spend USD 200 million over the next 5-7 years for promoting the use of Hydrogen in India.

It has requested State-run Oil and Gas companies to set up 7 Hydrogen pilot plants by the end of 2021.

10. The Pay by Bank App, a mobile App was launched by which among the following bank in partnership with MasterCard?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) RBL Bank
- (c) IDFC First Bank
- (d) IDBI Bank
- (e) IndusInd Bank

Answer: B

MasterCard and Mumbai-headquartered private sector RBL bank announced a partnership to launch a mobile-based customer-friendly payment solution - the Pay by Bank App.

This will be a first-of-its-kind payment functionality in the country and suits the growing demand for digital,

contactless payments to ensure social distancing norms amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The payment system ensures that the customer's credentials are never revealed to the merchant.

The new payment solutions - 'Pay by Bank App' will increase the security and privacy of customers.

The MasterCard consumer protection benefits will be available for customers on debit cards, same as before.

The app will provide better solutions for both customers and merchants. Customers will be able to avail personalised transaction controls that allow them to dictate, where, when, and how the payment credentials are used.

11. Name the largest foreign bank in India, which has announced to shutter their retail banking operations in 13 countries including India & China.

- (a) HSBC Bank
- (b) Citibank
- (c) Deutsche Bank
- (d) Standard Chartered Bank
- (e) DBS Bank

Answer: B

The American multinational investment bank and financial services company, Citigroup has announced that it will shutter retail banking operations in 13 countries including India and China. The 13 nations Citibank (the largest foreign bank in India) will pull out from Australia, Bahrain, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The bank will operate their consumer banking franchise in Asia and EMEA solely from four wealth centres -- Singapore, Hong Kong, the UAE and London.

12. The National Internet Exchange of India has set to launch three initiatives namely NIXI Academy, NIXI-IP-INDEX and IPv6 Expert Panel. The National Internet Exchange of India started its working in which year?

- (a) 1995
- (b) 2000
- (c) 2003
- (d) 2008
- (e) 2005

Answer: C

The Ministry of Electronics and IT announced three new initiatives by the National Internet Exchange of India which were launched by Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

The initiatives- IPv6 Expert Panel (IP Guru), NIXI Academy, and NIXI-IP-INDEX – are being spearheaded by NIXI to increase Internet protocol version IPv6's awareness and adoption in the country.

NIXI is a non-profit organization working since 2003 for spreading the internet infrastructure to the citizens of India.

IP Guru will extend support to all the Indian entities facing technical challenges in migrating and adopting IPv6.

The expert panel group comprises members from government and private organizations.

This is a joint initiative between the Department of Telecommunication, MeitY and the community to promote IPv6.

13. A study called 'Internet Inclusion and Gender equality' by Facebook-Economist Intelligence Unit has placed India at which spot on the scores of affordability globally?

- (a) 20th
- (b) 49th
- (c) 77th
- (d) 29th
- (e) 36th

Answer: A

Despite cheapest data plans and nearly 700 million internet users, India is at a dismal 49th spot globally when it comes to internet inclusion and gender equality in accessing the World Wide Web, a Facebook-Economist Intelligence Unit study has revealed.

India is tied with Thailand in 49th place this year on the scores of internet availability (77th position globally), affordability (20th spot), relevance (49th position) and readiness (29th) categories.

India is set to reach one billion internet users by 2025.

There were over 687.6 million internet users in India in 2020.

The Facebook 'Inclusive Internet Index' looked at 120 countries, representing 98 percent of global GDP and 96 per cent of global population.

14. Recently IIT Hyderabad has developed the World's 1st affordable and long-lasting hygiene product DuroKea Series. The antimicrobial technology protects against the virus/germs upto _____ days till next wash.

- (a) 7 days
- (b) 15 days
- (c) 20 days
- (d) 28 days
- (e) 35 days

Answer: E

Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched the World 1st affordable and long-lasting hygiene product DuroKea Series.

This next generation DuroKea antimicrobial technology starts at 189 rupees, kills 99.99 percent of germs instantly and leaves behind the long-lasting protective nanoscale coating up to 35 days till next wash.

Researchers from Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad have developed this innovative technology to combat COVID-19 virus spreading.

Durokea Product is aligned with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attain self-reliance.

The unique property of DuroKea range is to ensure instant killing, within 60 second and prolonged protection which is an immense necessity during this current pandemic situation.

The Minister said, this revolutionary antimicrobial property of DuroKea products has been tested and certified by Indian Government accredited lab and field-tested at the IIT Hyderabad campus.

15. E-commerce platform Amazon has introduced the Smbhav Venture Fund of _____ million to focus on India's small and medium businesses.

- (a) \$100 million
- (b) \$150 million
- (c) \$250 million
- (d) \$300 million
- (e) \$320 million

Answer: C

Amazon.com Inc. has sharpened its focus on India's small and medium businesses (SMBs), introducing a \$250 million Smbhav Venture Fund, focusing on digitization of small businesses; agri-tech innovations to raise farmer productivity; and health tech for quality universal healthcare.

The Smbhav Summit is a four-day event held by the online retailer for small and medium enterprises in India.

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos had attended the last summit, where he pledged to export \$10 billion 'Make in India' goods by 2025.

Amazon also plans to digitize close to 10 million small enterprises.

16. Vivek, the Tamil actor and comedian passed away recently. He was awarded the Padma Shri Award in which year by the Union Government?

- (a) 2000
- (b) 2005
- (c) 2008
- (d) 2009
- (e) 2012

Answer: D

Vivek, Tamil actor and comedian, passed away recently at a Chennai hospital, claimed media reports.

A Padma Shri recipient Vivek died at 59. The actor passed away following a cardiac arrest.

The renowned comedian Vivek was popularly called 'Chinna Kalaivanar' for his social reformative dialogues in Tamil cinema.

He was bestowed with the Padma Shri Award, India's fourth-highest civilian award in the year 2009 by the union government.

Vivek, who was last seen in the Tamil remake of the Hindi film 'Vicky Donor' titled 'Dharala Prabhu', is also part of director Shankar's upcoming film 'Indian 2', which stars Kamal Haasan in the lead role.

17. The Film, Puglya has won the best foreign language feature at the Moscow International Film Festival 2021. The film was originally released in which language?

- (a) Hindi

- (b) Bengali
- (c) Marathi
- (d) Gujarati
- (e) Kannada

Answer: C

Marathi film Puglya has won the best foreign language feature at the Moscow International Film Festival 2021, continuing its immensely successful international stint.

The film about a pug and two boys has been winning accolades at foreign festivals.

Puglya has travelled to various International Film competitions, including in London, Italy, Sweden, Australia, Philippines, Turkey, Iran, Argentina, Lebanon, Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan, Spain, Philippines, Israel, USA and Canada.

It has also been produced by Vinod Sam Peter under the banner Abraham Films.

18. India bagged 7 medals in the maiden Asian Championship titles at Almaty, Kazakhstan. The event was unattended by which of the following countries due to COVID-19?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Germany
- (d) Both b & c
- (e) All the above

Answer: E

Olympics-bound Indian wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Anshu Malik clinched their maiden Asian Championship titles at Almaty, Kazakhstan as India

ended with seven medals from the women's event with four gold.

The event was marred by the absence of countries China and Japan due to COVID-19, India also bagged one silver and two bronze medals.

19. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal chaired the first meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council. The National Startup Advisory was constituted by which of the following departments?

- (a) Department of Commerce
- (b) Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- (c) Department of Finance
- (d) Department of Economic Affairs
- (e) Department of Financial Services

Answer: B

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal chaired the first meeting of the National Startup Advisory Council and called upon successful entrepreneurs to share their knowledge, experience and ideas with students and youth.

The National Startup Advisory is constituted by the 'Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade'.

Its role is to advise the government on measures needed to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups in the country to drive sustainable economic growth and generate large scale employment opportunities.

20. Dr. Kakarla Subba Rao has passed away recently. He was conferred with 'Padma Shri' by the GOI in which year for his contribution in medicine?

- (a) 2000
- (b) 2004
- (c) 2008
- (d) 2001
- (e) 2005

Answer: A

Renowned radiologist, hospital administrator and the first director of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Dr. Kakarla Subba Rao, died at the KIMS Hospital in Secunderabad, where he was admitted a month ago due to age-related ailments.

He was conferred the fourth highest civilian honour 'Padma Shri' by the Government of India in 2000 for his contributions to the field of medicine.

He was also the founder and the president of Telugu Association of North America.

21. India has partnered with French space agency for the cooperation in the country's first human space mission, Gaganyaan. Name the French's space agency.

- (a) ASI
- (b) DLR
- (c) CCE
- (d) CNSA
- (e) CNES

Answer: E

Space agencies of India and France signed an agreement for cooperation for the former's first

human space mission, Gaganyaan, a move that will enable Indian flight physicians to train at French facilities.

Under the agreement, equipment developed by the French Space Agency (CNES) are tested and still operating aboard in the International Space Station (ISS) will be made available to Indian crews.

The agreement was announced during French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian's visit to the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) headquarters in Bengaluru.

22. The EatSmart Cities Challenge was launched by the ministry of housing and urban affairs. The challenge is open to all smart cities, capital cities of states/UTs with a population of more than _____.

- (a) 7 Lakhs
- (b) 12 Lakhs
- (c) 8 Lakhs
- (d) 5 Lakhs
- (e) 11 Lakhs

Answer: D

In an attempt to promote a healthy and sustainable food environment and also safe and affordable transport solutions during COVID-19, the ministry of housing and urban affairs has launched the EatSmart Cities Challenge and the 'Transport 4 All Challenge' on April 15.

As many as 11 cities will be selected at the end of the first phase, for deeper engagement for an extended period to implement their vision.

The EatSmart Cities challenge is open to all Smart Cities, capital cities of states /UTs, and cities with a population of more than 5 lakh.

23. The ROPAX jetty project worth _____ was implemented in Odisha on Dhamra river to reduce travelling time for passengers from 6 hours by road to 1 hour by waterway.

- (a) ₹ 90 Crore
- (b) ₹ 102 Crore
- (c) ₹ 118 Crore
- (d) ₹ 110 Crore
- (e) ₹ 130 Crore

Answer: D

Rs 110-crore jetty project, connecting Kaninali in Bhadrak district and Talachua in Kendrapara district of Odisha, will come up on the Dhamra river, cutting travelling time for passengers from 6 hours by road to 1 hour by waterway, the Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) Ministry said.

The ministry further said that the ROPAX (roll-on/roll-off passenger) jetty project will facilitate indirect employment opportunities to locals around the Dhamra river and reduce road distance of 200 km from Talchua to Dhamra.

24. Name the military exercise between India and Kyrgyzstan that was held in Bishkek with a special focus on Counter-terror drills on April 16.

- (a) Khanjar
- (b) Aakrosh
- (c) Shurveer

- (d) Ekuverin
- (e) Shatrujeet

Answer: A

Special forces of India and Kyrgyzstan began a two-week military exercise in Bishkek with a focus on counter-terror drills, on April 16.

The eighth edition of special forces exercise, "Khanjar", was inaugurated at a facility of the special forces brigade of the national guards of the Kyrgyz republic.

Initiated in 2011, the two-week long exercise focuses on high-altitude warfare as well as counter-terror drills.

Commander of Kyrgyz national guards, Colonel Ergeshov Talantbek, in his opening remarks, commended high-altitude resilience of the two forces personnel and their growing interoperability. In 2015, India and Kyrgyzstan signed an agreement on bolstering defence cooperation. Since then, the two sides have gradually strengthened military and defence ties

25. The Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement was conferred to Italian director-actor Roberto Benigni in the 78th Venice International Film Festival. Name the film which fetched him the best actor and best international film Oscars.

- (a) Pinocchio
- (b) Night on Earth
- (c) Coffee & Cigarettes
- (d) To Rome with Love
- (e) Life is Beautiful

Answer: E

Oscar-winning Italian director-actor Roberto Benigni of 'Life is Beautiful' fame has been honoured with the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement at the 78th Venice International Film Festival.

The director is best known for his Holocaust drama 'Life is Beautiful'. The 1997 film fetched him the best actor and best international film Oscars.

Benigni most recently starred in Matteo Garrone's live-action 'Pinocchio'.

His other films are 'Night on Earth', 'Coffee and Cigarettes' and 'To Rome with Love'.

26. Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal virtually inaugurated an electronic marketplace for Aqua farmers. Name the platform.

- (a) e-SANTA
- (b) e-FISHERY
- (c) e-AQUA
- (d) e-SEA
- (e) None of These

Answer: A

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal virtually inaugurated **e-SANTA**, an electronic marketplace providing a platform to connect aqua farmers and the buyers.

It will enable the farmers to get a better price and the exporters to directly purchase quality products from the farmers enhancing traceability, a key factor in international trade.

The term **e-SANTA** was coined for the web portal, meaning **Electronic Solution for Augmenting NaCSA farmers' Trade in Aquaculture**.

National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA) is an extension arm of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Govt. of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

27. Name the former world Champion who has won a bronze medal at the Asian Championship in Tashkent in 119 kg category.

- (a) Vinesh Phogat
- (b) Anshu Malik
- (c) Mirabai Chanu
- (d) Pyrros Dimas
- (e) Jhilli Dalabehera

Answer: C

Former world champion Mirabai Chanu made a splendid return to the weightlifting arena, setting a new world record in clean and jerk while also bettering her own national record by winning a bronze medal at the Asian Championship in Tashkent.

Chanu also confirmed her Tokyo Olympic spot as she has now competed in the six mandatory qualifying events.

The 26-year-old Indian lifted 86kg in snatch and a world record of 119kg in clean and jerk for a total of 205kg.

28. Sara Begum Kabori, a famous actress of Bangladeshi films has passed away recently. She was also a former _____.

- (a) Director
- (b) Politician
- (c) Dancer
- (d) Musician
- (e) Artist

Answer: B

Renowned Bangladeshi actor Sara Begum Kabori passed away in Dhaka.

She was 70. She was admitted to the Sheikh Russel National Gastroenterology Institute and Hospital in Dhaka for the treatment of COVID 19.

Sara Begum Kabori was honoured with the National Film Award for her role in the film Sareng Bou in 1978.

She got the lifetime achievement award in 2013.

She was also a freedom fighter and former member of parliament.

29. Mr. Murali M. Natrajan has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of DCB Bank. Prior to joining, DCB Bank has worked with which foreign bank?

- (a) Standard Chartered Bank
- (b) HSBC Bank
- (c) SBM Bank
- (d) Federal Bank
- (e) DBS Bank

Answer: A

Private sector lender, DCB Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India for the re-appointment of Murali M. Natrajan as the Managing Director & CEO, for a further period of one year from April 29, 2021.

He was appointed as MD and CEO of DCB Bank in May 2009.

Prior to joining DCB, Natrajan has worked with foreign banks Standard Chartered & Citibank.

DCB bank was founded in 1930 and is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

30. As per the National climate vulnerability assessment report, which state has been classified under the low vulnerable to climate change category released by the Department of Science and Technology?

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Jharkhand
- (e) West Bengal

Answer: B

The National climate vulnerability assessment report released by the Department of Science and Technology has identified Jharkhand, Mizoram, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, and West Bengal as the states highly vulnerable to climate change.

These states, mostly in the eastern part of the country, require prioritization of adaptation interventions, the report pointed out.

Uttarakhand, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Nagaland, Goa and Maharashtra are classified as low vulnerable states.

The report titled 'Climate Vulnerability Assessment for Adaptation Planning in India Using a Common Framework' identifies the most vulnerable states and districts in India with respect to current climate risk and key drivers of vulnerability.

It aids in prioritizing adaptation investment, developing and implementing adaptation programs.

31. Charles Geschke passed away recently. He was the founder of which American software company?

- (a) Adobe
- (b) Xerox
- (c) Oracle
- (d) Intuit
- (e) Hewlett-Packard

Answer: A

Adobe founder who helped develop Portable Document Format (PDF) document Charles Geschke died at the age of 81.

He founded Adobe in 1982 with colleague John Warnock from Xerox.

He retired in 2000 and remained on the Adobe board until 2020.

Geschke is reported to have survived a kidnapping at gunpoint in 1992.

32. The National Green Tribunal has formed an eight member National Task Force headed by whom

among the following to look for the remedial steps to improve the air quality?

- (a) Vijai Sharma
- (b) A.K. Goel
- (c) Ramesh Chandra Trivedi
- (d) Gopal Krishna Pandey
- (e) Devendra Kumar Agarwal

Answer: B

Noting that about 1.5 million people in India die annually due to air pollution, the National Green Tribunal has formed an eight-member National Task Force (NTF) to monitor remedial steps to improve the status of air quality.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice A K Goel said holistic and coordinated efforts at all levels in the government is the dire need of the hour.

NGT is a specialised body formed under the NGT Act, 2010.

33. The empty tankers will begin their journey in 'Oxygen Express' to load liquid medical oxygen from which among the following state?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Kerala

Answer: C

Following a surge in the number of Covid-19 cases, the Railways will run 'Oxygen Express' trains over the next few days to transport liquid medical oxygen and oxygen cylinders across the country.

Green corridors are being created to ensure fast movement of these trains.

Empty tankers will begin their journey from Kalamboli and Boisar railway stations in and near Mumbai to load liquid medical oxygen from Vizag, Jamshedpur, Rourkela and Bokaro, the national transporter said.

Tentatively a movement plan has been made for dispatching 10 empty tankers.

34. "Tapping The Potential of Kashmir – Another day in paradise" is a three day tourism promotion event organised by the Ministry of Tourism. Name the Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism.

- (a) Prahalad Patel
- (b) Arvind singh
- (c) S. Sudershan
- (d) Rakesh Kumar
- (e) Chanakya Kelkar

Answer: B

The Ministry of Tourism organised a mega tourism promotion event in Srinagar "Tapping the Potential of Kashmir: Another Day in Paradise" from 11th - 13th April, 2021

.Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Manoj Sinha and Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture (I/c) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel addressed the delegates at the inauguration of the event.

A Golf Tournament was also organized at the picturesque Royal Springs Golf Course, Srinagar for important invitees including Diplomats from Kenya,

Vietnam and Georgia and other leading Golfers in the country.

Secretary Ministry of Tourism - Arvind Singh

35. Recently, the Gender Samvaad event was held by the Rural Development's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). The DAY- NRLM has launched the gender operational strategy in which year?

- (a) 2008
- (b) 2010
- (c) 2012
- (d) 2014
- (e) 2016

Answer: E

The Ministry of Rural Development recently launched the Gender Samvaad Event.

It was a joint initiative by the Ministry of Rural Development's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) and the Initiative for What Works to Advance Women and Girls in the Economy (IWWAGE) by LEAD.

The main objective of the Gender Samvaad event was to create awareness of gender-related interventions under the DAY-NRLM.

The DAY-NRLM launched a gender operational strategy in 2016 to mainstream gender issues. Also, institutional platforms were established so that women could approach them for their grievances. More than sixty million women are now part of DAY-NRLM.

It plays a major role in organising them into Self Help Groups.

36. NASA has selected which company to build a spacecraft to land the astronauts on the lunar surface of the Moon?

- (a) Blue Origin
- (b) Dynetics
- (c) SpaceX
- (d) Rolls Royce
- (e) Airbus

Answer: C

NASA has selected SpaceX as the sole company to win a contract to develop and demonstrate a crewed lunar lander, while keeping the door open for others to compete for future missions.

SpaceX was one of three teams competing to win NASA's contract, including the team organized by Blue Origin, and the separate design from Dynetics. The fixed-price, milestone-based contract has a total value of \$2.89 billion.

This will be the first time humans will walk on the moon since 1972, with the final lunar landing mission of NASA's Apollo program, known as 'Artemis'.

With this program, NASA aims to land the first woman and the first person of color to land on the moon.

37. The 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica successfully returned to Cape Town after completing a journey of 12000 nautical miles in 94

days. The expedition began its journey from which of the following places?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Goa
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Kerala

Answer: B

The 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica was flagged off on January 05, 2021, from Mormugao Port, Goa.

The chartered ice-class vessel MV Vasiliy Golovnin has been chosen for the prestigious 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (ISEA) mission journey.

After accomplishing several scientific objectives, changeover of winter crew, and Bharati and Maitri's resupply, the 40-ISEA Indian contingent returned to Cape Town on 10 April, after completing a journey of 12,000 nautical miles in 94 days, including stopovers, marking four decades of success of the country's scientific endeavour in Antarctica, the Ministry of Earth Science said.

38. World liver day is observed on April 19 annually, to spread awareness about liver-related diseases.

What is the theme of Worldliver day 2021?

- (a) Keep your liver healthy and disease-free
- (b) Healthy lifestyle leads to healthy liver
- (c) Keep the Liver healthy
- (d) Riding new waves in liver diagnosis, staging and treatment

(e) How safe is your liver?

Answer: A

World liver day is observed on April 19 every year, to spread awareness about liver-related disease. The theme for this year is 'Keep your liver healthy and disease-free.'

On World Liver Day, efforts are made to inform people about liver infections so that timely treatment from the preventable illness can be sought.

The National Health Portal of India marks this day for people to lead a healthy lifestyle and avoid excessive use of alcohol.

Being the second-largest organ in the body, the liver performs various functions associated with digestion, immunity, metabolism within our body.

39. Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj created a national record in 50m backstroke to clinch his second gold of the Uzbekistan Open Championship in Tashkent. He clocked _____ sec to win the gold medal.

- (a) 21.11 seconds
- (b) 25.11 seconds
- (c) 27.11 seconds
- (d) 28.11 seconds
- (e) 33.11 seconds

Answer: B

Indian swimmer Srihari Nataraj created a national record in 50m backstroke while winning his second gold of the Uzbekistan Open Championship in Tashkent.

The 20-year-old clocked 25.11 seconds to bag the top prize at the FINA-accredited Olympic qualifying event.

Indian swimmers enjoyed a rich haul of 29 medals – 18 gold, seven silver and four bronze – at the meet.

40. Bhumidhar Barman, Former Assam Chief Minister passed away recently. He was first elected in which year?

- (a) 1996
- (b) 1967
- (c) 1992
- (d) 2010
- (e) 2000

Answer: B

Former Assam chief minister Bhumidhar Barman died recently at a private hospital in Guwahati after a prolonged illness.

He was 91.

Bhumidhar Barman was an Indian Politician belonging to the Indian National Congress. He was the Chief Minister of Assam from 22 April 1996 to 14 May 1996.

He was again made the chief minister in 2010 when then CM Tarun Gogoi had gone to Mumbai for his heart surgery.

He was a member of the Assam Legislative Assembly being elected 7 times.

He was first elected in 1967.

41. Eminent Hindi writer Narendra Kohli who passed away recently. He was known for his eight volume writing about _____.

- (a) Ramayan
- (b) Mahabharat
- (c) India's Freedom Struggle
- (d) The Story of Manu
- (e) Sur's Ocean

Answer: B

Veteran Hindi writer Narendra Kohli passed away of Covid complications in Delhi. He was 81.

Born in Pakistan in 1940, his family migrated to Bihar after the partition.

Shri Kohli arrived on the national scene with his writings about the characters of Ramayana and Mahabharat. His eight-volume writing about Mahabharat, Mahasamar, is considered a masterpiece.

His emphasis was always on the revival of culture through his writings. He wrote more than 100 books including novels, essays, satire and memoir.

42. International hockey umpire from Karnataka Mundanda Anupama has died recently. She was the first Indian woman to preside at the Commonwealth Games of which year?

- (a) 2010
- (b) 2008
- (c) 2006
- (d) 2004
- (e) 2002

Answer: C

International hockey umpire from Karnataka Mundanda Anupama aka Puchimanda Anupama (40) passed away due to Covid-19.

Anupama, a Bangalorean, had participated in several international hockey tournaments, including the women's Asia Cup hockey 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Anupama was the first Indian woman to officiate at the Commonwealth Games, 2006 Melbourne.

She went on to wield the whistle in several international events, including the Asian Games, FIH junior World Cup, East Asian Games and the Central American and Caribbean Games.

She umpired over 100 matches in men's and women's competitions on the domestic circuit.

43. An international center for trade and economic cooperation called 'Central Asia' was launched by Uzbekistan and _____.

- (a) Kazakhstan
- (b) Kyrgyzstan
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Pakistan
- (e) Tajikistan

Answer: A

Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have launched the construction of an international center for trade and economic cooperation named "Central Asia" on the border of the two countries.

Uzbek Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov and his Kazakh counterpart, Askar Mamin, laid a capsule at

the construction site of the logistics center, which is located in the vicinity of the border checkpoint Gisht Kuprik (called Zhibek Zholy in Kazakhstan).

According to a news release on Kazakh prime minister's official website, the center, which occupies 400 hectares of land, will have a capacity of accommodating 35,000 people and 5,000 trucks per day in both directions.

44. Which state government has decided to 10 oxygen plants for the supply of uninterrupted Oxygen to all the hospitals in the state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Uttarakhand

Answer: C

The Yogi Adityanath government is setting up 10 oxygen plants for unabated supply of oxygen to all the hospitals in Uttar Pradesh.

These plants are being set up at different locations in the state.

A 24/7 control room has been made active for this purpose where the officials will review the availability of the stock on a daily basis.

To provide immediate treatments to the Covid patients, HAL in collaboration with the State Government will be setting up a new Covid hospital equipped with all the facilities at Awadh Shilpgram in Lucknow.

45. Recently the Punjab government has presented their Jal Jeevan Mission Annual Action Plan. In 2021-22, the State is likely to get _____ crores as central fund.

- (a) 320 crores
- (b) 450 crores
- (c) 750 crores
- (d) 800 crores
- (e) 925 crores

Answer: C

The state of Punjab presented their Jal Jeevan Mission Annual Action Plan on Apr 19, through video conference.

During the presentation, Punjab reiterated the commitment of the state govt to achieve 'Har Ghar Jal' target by 2022 as planned.

Punjab has 34.73 lakh rural households, out of which 25.88 lakh, that comprises almost 74.5 per cent of rural housing, have tap water supply.

In 2021-22, the State plans to provide 8.87 lakh tap connections, thereby providing tap connection to every rural household.

JJM is a flagship programme of the Union Government, which aims to provide piped tap water in every rural household.

In the previous financial year 2020-21, Rs 362 Crore central fund was allocated for the State to provide assured tap water supply.

In 2021-22, the State is likely to get Rs. 750 Crore as central fund.

46. Life Insurance Corporation of India has appointed the digital platform 'Paytm' to facilitate its digital payments. How many payment platforms had reportedly bid for the LIC's contract?

- (a) 10
- (b) 17
- (c) 13
- (d) 19
- (e) 21

Answer: B

State-run Life Insurance Corporation of India has appointed Paytm to facilitate its digital payments.

The state-run insurance firm had tied up with another payment gateway earlier but has now signed a new deal with Paytm as most of its payments have moved to digital modes.

At least 17 payment platforms had bid proactively for LIC's contract. However, Paytm's wide range of payment services helped it bag the contract over all the other players.

It is worth mentioning that LIC has witnessed a surge in digital payments after the pandemic in 2020.

It collected premiums worth Rs 60,000 crore through digital modes — not payments made through banks during the pandemic.

47. New Zealand became the first country to introduce a law that would require banks, insurers and investment managers to report the impacts of climate change on their business. The bank with

total assets of more than NZ \$ _____ billion will come under the purview of the legislation.

- (a) 1 billion
- (b) 2 billion
- (c) 3 billion
- (d) 4 billion
- (e) 5 billion

Answer: A

New Zealand has become the first country to introduce a law that will require banks, insurers and investment managers to report the impacts of climate change on their business, minister for climate change James Shaw said.

All banks with total assets of more than NZ\$1 billion (\$703 million), insurers with more than NZ\$1 billion in total assets under management, and all equity and debt issuers listed on the country's stock exchange will come under the purview of this legislation.

The aim is to bring the financial sector on board with the efforts being made towards achieving the country's target of becoming carbon neutral by 2050.

48. Who among the following has won the Monte Carlo Masters by defeating Andrey Rublev by 6-3 6-3?

- (a) Alexander Zverev
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Rafael Nadal
- (d) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- (e) Diego Schwartzman

Answer: D

Greek world number five Stefanos Tsitsipas won his first Masters 1000 title after beating Andrey Rublev 6-3 6-3 in the Monte Carlo Masters final.

He won the title without dropping a set in five matches and moved into the No.1 spot in the race to the ATP Finals after a successful and consistent start to the season.

The Monte-Carlo Masters is an annual tennis tournament for male professional players held in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, France.

49. The RBI has constituted a 6 member committee to evaluate the role of asset reconstruction companies in stressed debt resolution and review their business model. The committee will be headed by _____.

- (a) Sudarshan Sen
- (b) Vishakha Mulye
- (c) PN Prasad
- (d) R Anand
- (e) Rohit Prasad

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) constituted a 6 member committee to evaluate the role of asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) in stressed debt resolution and review their business model.

Headed by former RBI executive director Sudarshan Sen, the six-member panel comprises Vishakha Mulye, executive director, ICICI Bank, P N Prasad, former deputy managing director of State Bank of India, Rohit Prasad, professor of economics,

Management Development Institute, Gurugram, Abizer Diwanji, partner, Ernst and Young, and chartered accountant R Anand.

The panel has to submit its report within three months after its first meeting.

50. The Nagaland state government has recently taken an ambitious step to prepare RIIN to identify citizens who have settled in Nagaland prior to _____.

- (a) December 1, 1971
- (b) December 1, 1963
- (c) December 1, 1960
- (d) December 1, 1969
- (e) December 1, 1975

Answer: B

The Nagaland government has taken an ambitious initiative to prepare a RIIN (Register of Indigenous Inhabitants of Nagaland)

The main purpose of making 'RIIN' is to identify the citizens who settled in Nagaland prior to December 1, 1963, the day it became a full-fledged State.

Once the process is completed, persons whose names are included in the 'RIIN' would be issued indigenous inhabitant certificates.

Of Nagaland's two million population, over 86 per cent are tribals from 16 major tribes and several sub-tribes.

All the tribes have their own festivals which they hold sacrosanct and require compulsory participation. Nagas and other tribes celebrate their

distinct seasonal festivals with a pageantry of colour and a feast of music.

51. Mumbai based Haffkine Bio Pharma, one of the country's oldest biomedical research facilities, is all set to manufacture which among the following vaccine to combat the spread of COVID-19?

- (a) AstraZeneca
- (b) Covaxin
- (c) Sputnik V
- (d) Covishield
- (e) Novavax

Answer: B

The Centre allowed Mumbai-based Haffkine Bio Pharma to manufacture Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, which will be a shot in the arm of India's vaccine production.

Haffkine Institute, the biomedical company owned by the Maharashtra government, has sought permission from the Centre for the transfer of technology from Bharat Biotech, which in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research, developed Covaxin.

Haffkine is one of the country's oldest and premier biomedical research facilities.

It has all the required facilities to produce the vaccine, Maharashtra ministers said. "Bharat Biotech produces Covaxin.

52. Max Verstappen has won the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix. He defeated Lewis Hamilton by 22 s for _____ win of his career.

- (a) 11th
- (b) 12th
- (c) 16th
- (d) 17th
- (e) 22nd

Answer: A

The Belgian-Dutch car racer Max Verstappen plays for Red Bull and won the title in the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix .

Verstappen led for the majority of the race on the wet Imola track with the Red Bull driver beating Hamilton by 22 seconds for the 11th win of his career.

Hamilton still leads the driver's championship by 1 point from Verstappen.

53. DRDO has developed a SpO2-based supplemental oxygen delivery system for whom of the following?

- (a) Frontline workers
- (b) Journalists
- (c) Children
- (d) Soldiers
- (e) Old age people

Answer: D

The Indian Ministry of Defence (MoD) has announced the development of SpO2 (Blood Oxygen Saturation) supplemental oxygen delivery system by DRDO.

The SpO2 system is intended for the Indian Army soldiers conducting operations in extreme high-altitude areas.

The system's electronic hardware is designed to operate at extreme altitudes while the software safety checks ensure its reliability in field conditions. The automatic system delivers supplemental oxygen based on the SpO2 levels.

A lightweight portable oxygen cylinder delivers oxygen through nostrils.

It can safeguard soldiers by not letting them fall into a state of Hypoxia.

Hypoxia is a condition in which the amount of oxygen reaching the tissues is inadequate to fulfil all the energy requirements of the body.

54. Italy has launched its first-ever mega food park and food processing unit in which of the following states of India ?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Rajasthan

Answer: D

Italy has launched its first-ever mega food park project in India, at Fanidhar in the Mehsana district of Gujarat.

The virtual launch was graced by the Ambassador of India to Italy, Neena Malhotra and Ambassador of Italy to India, Vincenzo de Luca.

The project aims to create synergy between agriculture and industry of the two countries and focuses on the research and development of new and more efficient technologies in the sector.

This is the first Italian-Indian food park project, an initiative in the food-processing field, which serves as a pillar of the partnership between India and Italy. The Indian Government had envisioned 42 Mega Food Parks under the Mega Food Park Scheme of which 22 Mega Food Parks are operational in India. Each operational Mega Food Park project will provide employment opportunities to about 5000 people.

55. Name the 13th RBI governor, who served for a short tenure of 7 months, has died recently.

- (a) M . Narasimham
- (b) I.G. Patel
- (c) D. Subbarao
- (d) N.C Sen Gupta
- (e) Amitav Ghosh

Answer: A

Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor M. Narasimham passed away at a Hyderabad hospital following covid-related illness. He was 94.

Narasimham is the only governor to be appointed from the Reserve Bank cadre.

He was the 13th governor of RBI and served a short tenure of seven months between May and November 1977, before he was succeeded by I.G. Patel.

Later, Narasimham served as executive director for India at the World Bank and the IMF, after which he was secretary in the finance ministry.

56. The mini 4 pound helicopter named Ingenuity, is a small robotic solar helicopter operating on Mars.

The helicopter was built by which among the following?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) CNES
- (c) NASA
- (d) Roscosmos
- (e) CNSA

Answer: C

Ingenuity, the first helicopter to fly on Mars was carried by NASA's .

The rover is designed to study signs of ancient life, collect samples from the surface from locations where the rover cannot reach.

NASA has invested about US\$80 million to build Ingenuity and about US\$5 million to operate the helicopter.

Its mass is just under 1.8 kg (4.0 lb) and is planned to have a design life of five flights on Mars.

The Ingenuity Mars Helicopter was built by JPL, which also manages the technology demonstration project for NASA Headquarters.

The helicopter's main task is to carry out a technology demonstration to test the first powered flight on Mars, which it seems to have accomplished today.

Since the first flight has succeeded, the Ingenuity team will attempt up to four test flights within a 31-Earth-day window.

57. The Water Sports and Adventure Institute was inaugurated by Union minister of state for sports and youth affairs Kiren Rijiju along with Uttarakhand CM.

The institute will be run by which among the following?

- (a) BSF
- (b) ITBP
- (c) CRPF
- (d) SFF
- (e) CAPF

Answer: B

Uttarakhand Chief minister Tirvendra Singh Rawat and Union minister of state for sports and youth affairs Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the Water Sports and Adventure Institute in Koti Colony at Tehri Lake on April 16.

Built at a cost of 20 crores, the institute will be run by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and it will produce world class players who will make the company proud at international events, said the CM

The institute will also train the local youth in adventure sports, opening up self-employment avenues for them.

The institute will impart training in paragliding, paramotor, parasailing boat, scuba diving, rock climbing, high rope course and all terrain biking.

58. A team of scientists have discovered a species called *Eudiscopus denticulus* in Meghalaya. The species belongs to which of the following?

- (a) Ants
- (b) Bats

(c) Butterfly

(d) Frog

(e) Fish

Answer: B

Scientists recently discovered a new bat species in Meghalaya.

The latest find has increased the number of bat species in the north-eastern state to 66.

India has a total of 130 bat species.

The species called *Eudiscopus denticulus*, has prominent disc-like pads on its thumb with a bright orange colouration.

The species was found by a team of scientists led by Uttam Saikia from Shillong office of Zoological Survey of India and scientists from a few European natural history museums at Lailad close to Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary in July last year.

Till now, the species was recorded in a few localities in Southern China, Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar.

The location in Meghalaya where the species was found is nearly 1,000 km westward of its earlier known areas.

59. Poet & Lyricist Zaheer Qureshi recently passed away. He belonged to which of the following state?

(a) Uttar Pradesh

(b) Madhya Pradesh

(c) Jharkhand

(d) Odisha

(e) Gujarat

Answer: B

Poet and lyricist Zaheer Qureshi died in Burhanpur. He was 71. He belonged to Madhya Pradesh.

Some of the main ghazal collection of the Qureshi are Lekhni Ke Swapan, Ek Tukda Dhoop, Chandi Ka Dukha, Samunder Vyahne Nahi Aaya, Bheed mein Sabse Alag and Ped Tan Kar bhi Nhi Toota.

60. Renowned botanist SK Jain (95) passed away due to Covid-19 recently. He was the first Asian to receive the World Economists Award in which year?

(a) 1990

(b) 1999

(c) 2000

(d) 2003

(e) 2008

Answer: B

Renowned botanist SK Jain (95) passed away due to Covid-19 recently.

The CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI) and the entire scientist fraternity mourned the death of the legendary botanist.

He wrote more than 30 books, hundreds of research papers, guided dozens of scholars and was the editor of 'Flora of India'.

He was the recipient of lifetime achievement awards from the Institute of Ethnobiology, Indian Botanical Society, and BSI.

He was awarded the prestigious Pitambar Pant National Environment Fellowship by the Government of India.

Dr Jain was the first Asian to receive the World Economist Award in 1999.

61. India and Germany have signed an agreement on Technical Cooperation titled 'Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment for a period of _____.

- (a) 2 years
- (b) 3 years
- (c) 3.5 years
- (d) 4.5 years
- (e) 6 years

Answer: C

The Government of India and Germany have signed an agreement for Technical Cooperation in enhancing practices to prevent plastic from entering the marine environment at a virtual ceremony in New Delhi.

The project titled 'Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment' will be implemented for a period of three and a half years.

The outcome of the project is completely in line with the objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban focusing on sustainable solid waste management and Prime Minister Modi's vision to phase out single-use plastic by 2022.

The agreement was signed between the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH India on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.

It will be undertaken at the national level (at MoHUA), select states (Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and

Andaman & Nicobar Islands) and in the cities of Kanpur, Kochi and Port Blair.

62. The World Table Tennis Championships is scheduled to be held in Houston, USA. It is to be held in which country last year which was cancelled due to COVID-19?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Australia
- (c) Russia
- (d) Japan
- (e) None of these

Answer: A

The World Table Tennis Championships will be held as per schedule from November 23 to 29 in Houston, USA, the game's governing body ITTF has said .

The decision was made at a meeting of the ITTF executive committee on April 11.

ITTF CEO Mr. Steve Dainton said: "It's great news to confirm the 2021 event.

After the 2020 World Championships event in Busan, South Korea, was cancelled, it was very important to find solutions for the 2021 event.

63. Priyanka Mohite is the first woman to scale the world's 10th highest peak, Mt Annapurna. She has scaled the Mount Everest in which year?

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2015

(e) 2013

Answer: E

Priyanka Mohite from western Maharashtra's Satara has become the first Indian woman climber to scale Mt Annapurna, the 10th highest peak in the world.

In the past, Mohite has also achieved success in climbing Mt Makalu, the fifth-highest peak in the world, in 2019, and became the first Indian woman. She has previously scaled Mt Lhotse, the fourth highest mountain in the world, in 2018 and Mount Everest in 2013.

Mount Annapurna, which is considered to be one of the toughest to scale, is a massif in the Himalayas in Nepal that includes one peak over 8,000 metres.

64. Mukti Morcha party is the first party that has declared the name of the entity which made donations to it through electoral bonds. The party belongs to which state?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: A

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha is the first party that has declared the name of the entity which made donations to it through electoral bonds, poll rights group Association for Democratic Reforms said.

The declaration of ₹1 crore donation was made in the party's 2019-20 contribution.

According to the contribution report of the ruling party in Jharkhand, the donation was made by aluminium and copper manufacturing company Hindalco.

65. Ahmed Hussain has died recently. He was a member of the India team which finished _____ at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

- (a) 5th
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 2nd
- (e) 6th

Answer: C

Football Olympian Ahmed Hussain, who was a member of the India team which finished fourth at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, died on April 16. He was 89.

Ahmed Hussain made his debut against Bulgaria on December 7, 1956 and went on to make 11 appearances for India.

He was also part of the India team, which finished fourth at the 1958 Asian Games in Tokyo.

66. On which day, National Civil Service day is observed every year?

- (a) April 15
- (b) April 19
- (c) April 20
- (d) April 21
- (e) April 17

Answer: D

In India, 'Civil Services Day' is celebrated on April 21 every year.

It is a day to appreciate the tremendous work done by officers engaged in public administration, in various departments of the central and state governments.

The Government of India chose April 21 as the National Civil Service Day as on this day the country's first home minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the newly appointed Administrative Services Officers in 1947.

The historic occasion took place at the Metcalf House in Delhi. In his address, he called Civil Servants, the 'Steel Frame of India'.

The first National Civil Service Day function was held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on April 21, 2006.

67. World Bank's International Finance Corporation has invested USD 150 million (about Rs 1,132 crore) in which of the consumer financing companies in India?

- (a) Indiabulls
- (b) DHFL
- (c) Muthoot Finance
- (d) Bajaj Finance
- (e) Tata Capital

Answer: D

World Bank's International Finance Corporation (IFC) will make a debt investment of \$150 million (about Rs 1,132 crore) in non-bank lender Bajaj

Finance Limited, likely its third funding deal with the consumer finance company.

According to IFC, the proposed \$150 million senior loan for up to five years to Bajaj Finance will enable the company to expand its lending to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) and women owned MSMEs.

Bajaj Finance will increase its lending to MSME segment to about \$600 million.

Headquartered in Pune, Bajaj Finance part of the Bajaj Group is the third largest non-banking finance company (NBFC) in India with \$4.9 billion equity base and \$22.3 billion asset base as of Dec ..

68. Russia is all set to launch its spacecraft Luna 25 on October 1, 2021. The last spacecraft 'Luna 24' was launched in which year by the Soviet Union?

- (a) 2000
- (b) 1995
- (c) 1971
- (d) 1966
- (e) 1976

Answer: E

Russian Space Agency 'Roscosmos' is all set with its mission to launch its spacecraft Luna 25' on October 1, 2021, towards the icy South pole of the Moon.

The last spacecraft 'Luna 24' was launched in August 1976 by the Soviet Union.

During a virtual presentation by the National Academy of Sciences on March 23, 2021, the Russian Space Research Institute highlighted that

the Moon is going to be the center of its program for the next decade.

.Luna 25 is one of the five Lunar missions planned by Russia.

The country will launch Luna 26 in 2023 or 2024. Luna 27 is expected to be launched in 2027. Details about the remaining two missions are yet to be decided.

Back in 1959, the Soviet Union launched the first Luna 1 mission. It was the first unmanned spacecraft to land on the Moon.

The Moon lander will use a camera built by the European Space Agency (ESA) for the lunar missions. The European Pilot-D camera will capture the terrain of the Moon. The data will help ESA prepare for their landing on the Moon.

69. Name the bank of South Africa which has shut down its operation in India recently in April 2021.

- (a) African Bank
- (b) FirstRand Bank
- (c) Bidvest Bank
- (d) Grindrod Bank
- (e) First National bank

Answer: B

South Africa's second largest bank - FirstRand Bank - with \$118 billion in assets is the latest foreign bank to exit India.

The news was broken to FirstRand staff in Mumbai - its only branch - via a video conference.

FirstRand's exit is the second retreat by a foreign lender in India within a week after US giant Citibank

announced plans to sell its consumer banking business in 13 markets, including India.

First Rand India is a licensed financial services provider in India and operates as a "branch" of FirstRand Bank South Africa.

70. As per the report by World Press Freedom Index 2021, what is the rank of India among 180 countries?

- (a) 177th
- (b) 133rd
- (c) 142nd
- (d) 127th
- (e) 152nd

Answer: C

The World Press Freedom Index is an important advocacy tool based on the principle of emulation between states. The Paris based Reports without Borders (RSF) publishes this report annually.

In 180 countries, the degree of freedom available to journalists is determined by pooling the responses of experts to a questionnaire that is devised by the RSF.

Norway is ranked top in the Index for the fifth consecutive year while Finland and Denmark in second and third place.

Eritrea is ranked at 180th position.

This year too, India ranks at 142nd position.

South Asian countries performed very poorly in this index. China ranked 177th, Pakistan at 145th, and Bangladesh at 152nd.

71. Tamil Nadu's Arjun Kalyan became India's 68th Chess Grandmaster of India after beating Dragan.Kosic.Viswanathan Anand became the country's first Grandmaster in which year?

- (a) 1995
- (b) 1982
- (c) 1988
- (d) 1991
- (e) 1998

Answer: C

Tamil Nadu's, Arjun Kalyan became India's 68th Chess Grandmaster when he crossed the 2500 ELO mark after beating Dragan Kosic in the fifth round of GM Round Robin "Rujna Zore-3" in Serbia.

Arjun is coached by IM Saravanan and Ukrainian GM Aleksandr Goloshchapov and began playing chess at the age of nine and got his FIDE rating a year later.

Grandmaster is the highest title a chess player can obtain apart from World champion

Viswanathan Anand became the country's first Grandmaster, in 1988.

The World Chess Federation, known as FIDE headquarters: Lausanne (Switzerland).

72. The latest children book titled 'The Christmas Pig' is set to be released worldwide on October 12. Who among the following is the author of the book?

- (a) Khushwant Singh
- (b) JK Rowling
- (c) Shashi Throor
- (d) Ruskin Bond

(e) Rajib Eipe

Answer: B

JK Rowling recently announced a new book coming this autumn, a festive children's story with all new characters.

The story is about a boy named Jack and his toy Dur Pig, who goes missing on Christmas Eve.

The book is set to be released worldwide on Oct. 12. "The Christmas Pig" is Rowling's first children's novel since Harry Potter.

The book will be released by Hachette Children's Group imprint Little, Brown Books

'The Christmas Pig' is a standalone book and it is aimed at kids aged eight years and above. The book is illustrated by Jim Field.

73. Miguel Diaz-Canel became the new President of Cuba. Who among the following has been replaced by him?

- (a) Raul Castro
- (b) Fidel Castro
- (c) Uhuru Kenyatta
- (d) Charles Edward
- (e) Ramon Garau

Answer: A

Miguel Diaz-Canel replaced Raul Castro as the leader of Cuba on April 19.

Diaz-Canel, 60, has already served as Cuba's president since 2018, and now also takes the most powerful position, that of first secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC) as Castro, 89, enters retirement.

Diaz-Canel is Cuba's first civilian leader and the first non-Castro in power after Raul and his revolutionary brother Fidel, who led the country from 1959 to 2006.

74. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 22 April as International Mother Earth Day through a resolution adopted in which year?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2014
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2017
- (e) 2019

Answer: E

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 22 April as International Mother Earth Day through a resolution adopted in 2019.

The Day provides an opportunity to raise public awareness around the world to the challenges regarding the well-being of the planet and all the life it supports.

The theme for 2021 is Restore our Earth.

75. The Union Cabinet has approved a pact between fair trade regulator CCI and the Administrative Council for Economic Defence of Brazil. Till now, the CCI has entered into how many pacts around the globe?

- (a) 3
- (b) 2
- (c) 5
- (d) 4

(e) 6

Answer: E

The Union Cabinet approved signing of a pact between fair trade regulator CCI and the Administrative Council for Economic Defence of Brazil.

As per the Competition Act, 2002, the Competition Commission of India can enter into any memorandum or arrangement with any agency of any foreign country for discharging its duties or performing its functions under the Act, a statement noted.

The regulator has entered into six pacts so far -- with US" Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice; European Union"s Director General Competition; Russia"s Federal Antimonopoly Service; Australian Competition and Consumer Commission; Canada"s Competition Bureau; and BRICS Competition Authorities.

76. West Bengal based, SwitchON Foundation has partnered with which among the following bank to facilitate solar pump financing for small and marginal farmers ?

- (a) HDFC
- (b) SBI
- (c) ICICI
- (d) PNB
- (e) BOB

Answer: D

SwitchON Foundation, a West Bengal-based not-for-profit organization, has artnered with Punjab

National Bank to facilitate solar pump financing for small and marginal farmers.

Under the partnership, SwitchON Foundation shall set up a first loss default guarantee fund through which Punjab National Bank will be financing solar pumps.

SwitchON Foundation will conduct farmer sensitization, awareness drives, and farmer due diligence before finalizing each loan's disbursal.

77. International Finance Corporation has partnered with JC Flowers to help domestic lenders to resolve their distressed assets. IFC will invest upto USD _____ millions in JC Flowers.

- (a) \$100 million
- (b) \$ 80 million
- (c) \$ 110 million
- (d) \$ 120 million
- (e) \$ 150 million

Answer: A

The World Bank Group entity International Finance Corporation (IFC) is partnering with JC Flowers to help domestic lenders resolve their distressed assets and free up capital for new lending.

Under the project, which is an expansion of IFC's distressed asset recovery programme in India, the lender will invest up to \$100 million in the JC Flowers India opportunities fund on meeting certain conditions, with an initial commitment of \$40 million.

This partnership will create the first dedicated platform in India for mid-sized distressed assets,

which account for USD 27 billion — more than a third — of corporate stressed assets.

78. Claude Joseph has been appointed as Prime Minister of which among the following country?

- (a) Niger
- (b) Libya
- (c) Syria
- (d) Haiti
- (e) Kenya

Answer: D

Haitian Prime Minister Joseph Jouthe announced that he has resigned and President Jovenel Moise said that he had appointed his Foreign Minister Claude Joseph as interim premier as the country faces a spike in killings and kidnappings and prepares for an upcoming constitutional referendum and general election later this year.

The new prime minister is Claude Joseph, currently, the minister for foreign affairs, the president stated. Haiti is situated in the Caribbean Islands in the continent of North America.

79. Energy Efficiency Services Limited under the Ministry of Power has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which among the following to implement energy efficient initiatives ?

- (a) Oberoi Group
- (b) ITC Group
- (c) Tata Group
- (d) JW Marriot
- (e) Adani Group

Answer: A

Energy Efficiency Services Limited, a joint venture of PSUs under the Ministry of Power, announced it has signed an MoU with The Oberoi Group to reduce its overall carbon footprints.

EESL said that it will assist The Oberoi Group in implementing several energy-efficient initiatives, including clean energy systems across its properties through its Building Energy Efficiency Program. EESL is the world's largest energy service company.

80. Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres is likely to functionalise about 1.5 lakh HWCs by 2022. Nine states were felicitated for achieving 100% target before the deadline. Which of the following states is not among them?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Meghalaya
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Goa

Answer: B

India has operationalised 75,532 Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres so far despite the COVID-19 pandemic and is on track to functionalise 1.5 lakh HWCs by December 2022, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said.

Vardhan, who chaired an event virtually to mark the third anniversary of the rollout of Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centre said that as on April 13, over 23.8 crore women (53.7 per cent) have

accessed care at these centres, which saw a footfall of over 44.24 crore, a health ministry statement said. Nine states -- Punjab, Maharashtra, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Sikkim, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Telangana, Mizoram, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Assam, Goa, Manipur -- were felicitated for achieving 100 per cent against the target for year 2020-21, the statement said. With more than 50,000 having been established, 1/3 of the target has been met. This has led to improved access to affordable primary healthcare services for more than 25 crore people.

81. Axis bank has now allowed its customers to send money abroad in over 100 different currencies, without any need to visit a branch. The customers can send up to USD _____ per transaction.

- (a) 10000
- (b) 25000
- (c) 15000
- (d) 20000
- (e) 30000

Answer: B

Axis Bank customers can now send money abroad in over 100 currencies through their mobile application, the lender said.

Announcing the addition of 'Send Money Abroad' feature to its Axis Mobile App, the lender said customers will be able to send money by following a simple two-step process given on the app.

Customers can send money abroad in over 100 different currencies, without any need to visit a branch.

They can send up to USD 25,000 per transaction for various purposes such as education fee payment, family maintenance, and health-related expenses, Axis Bank said in a statement.

82. Which bank has collaborated with NIRA for offering personal Loans to the customers who are salaried below 15000 per month?

- (a) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- (b) AU Small Finance bank
- (c) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- (d) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- (e) Suryoday Small Finance Bank

Answer: C

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has announced its collaboration with fintech NIRA as part of its strategy to strengthen its digital footprint.

Through this partnership, salaried customers can apply for a Personal Loan by using the NIRA app which is available in the play store.

NIRA is a Bangalore based fintech that helps to fund the salaried class, starting at incomes as low as Rs. 15,000 per month.

This partnership will help Ujjivan SFB to on-board customers for Personal Loans.

83. NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission in partnership with AICTE offers to connect around how many Atal Tinkering Labs, established in

schools with over 2500 Institution's Innovation Council?

- (a) 7200
- (b) 8000
- (c) 5600
- (d) 6400
- (e) 7800

Answer: A

Niti Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) announced their strategic collaboration to empower Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) established at schools across the country.

According to an official statement, the partnership offers, to begin with, to connect around 7200 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) established in schools with over 2500 Institution's Innovation Councils (IICs) functioning in higher educational institutions (HEIs) spread across all the states and UTs.

The statement said ATLs in schools are equipped with facilities and provide tinkering opportunities to school students to ideate and work on innovative projects and improve their innovation abilities.

84. The Union Agriculture Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Microsoft to help farmers in reducing input cost and boost income. The pilot project will run in how many villages?

- (a) 80
- (b) 150
- (c) 100

(d) 200

(e) 120

Answer: C

The Union Agriculture Ministry has signed a memorandum of understanding with Microsoft to run a pilot programme for 100 villages in six states to help farmers in reducing input cost and boost income.

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar was present at the signing ceremony, an official statement said.

The minister said modern technology will help in making the agriculture sector profitable and also attracting youth towards farming.

Tomar highlighted that the Centre is transferring Rs 6,000 per year to farmers under the PM-KISAN in a transparent manner.

85. Film Producer Guneet Monga has been conferred the Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres award. It is the second highest civilian award of which country?

(a) Italy

(b) France

(c) Germany

(d) Russia

(e) None of these

Answer: B

Oscar-winning producer Guneet Monga, known for producing films like 'The Lunchbox' and 'Masaan', has been conferred with the second highest civilian French honour Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et

des Lettres by French Foreign Affairs Minister H E Jean-Yves Le Drian.

Monga has been honored for her contribution to world cinema through her many successful Indo-French productions and relentless work towards women empowerment through her recently-founded cinema collective Indian Women Rising.

86. World Art Day is celebrated every year on April 15. The day was first adopted by which of the following organisations?

(a) UNICEF

(b) UNDP

(c) WHO

(d) UNESCO

(e) ILO

Answer: D

World Art Day is celebrated every year on April 15, to promote the development, diffusion, and enjoyment of art.

Celebrated since 2012, the particular date of it was chosen in honor of Leonardo Da Vinci's birthday, who is considered a symbol of free expression, multiculturalism, tolerance, world peace, and of course, a visionary in the world of arts and other fields.

The day was adopted by the International Association of Art, a partner of UNESCO, to create awareness of creative activity worldwide.

Each year, World Art Day celebrations help reinforce the links between artistic creations and society, encourage greater awareness of the diversity of

artistic expressions and highlight the contribution of artists to sustainable development.

87. GE Power India has acquired how much percentage stakes in NTPC GE Power Services Pvt Ltd for ₹7.2 crores?

- (a) 72%
- (b) 48%
- (c) 50%
- (d) 51%
- (e) 33%

Answer: C

GE Power India has acquired a 50 percent stake in NTPC GE Power Services Pvt Ltd.

Earlier this month, GE Power India's board had approved the acquisition of 50 per cent stake in NTPC GE Power Services Pvt Ltd (NGSL) for Rs 7.2 crore.

GE Power India completed acquisition of 50% of the issued and paid up share capital of NGSL on 19 April 2021," a BSE filing said.

GE Power India is engaged in engineering, procurement, manufacturing, construction and servicing etc. of power plants and power equipment.

88. Principal Scientific Advisor K VijayRaghavan has launched a mobile app called MANAS to promote mental wellbeing across age groups. The Mental Health Act was passed in which year?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2019

(d) 2014

(e) 2016

Answer: B

The Principal Scientific Advisor K Vijay Raghavan on April 14, 2021, launched the 'MANAS App' in order to promote mental wellbeing across all the age groups in the country.

The initial version of the MANAS App will focus on promoting positive mental health in the age group of 15-35.

According to the Office of Principal Scientific Advisor, MANAS, which stands for Mental Health and Normalcy Augmentation System, was endorsed as a National Program by the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council.

The app was initiated by the Indian Government's Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor and was jointly executed by AFMC (Armed Forces Medical College), Pune, NIMHANS Bengaluru, and C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing) Bengaluru.

The Mental Healthcare Act 2017 was passed in India on April 7, 2017. It came into force on May 29, 2018. This act had effectively decriminalized the attempted suicide which was earlier punishable under Section 309 of the Indian Penal Code.

89. 'Believe: What Life and Cricket Taught Me' is a book authored by Suresh Raina along with Bharat Sundaresan. The book will be published by which among the following?

- (a) Penguin Random House
- (b) Hachette
- (c) Harper Collins
- (d) Rupa Publications
- (e) Macmillan

Answer: A

One of India's most successful international cricketers, Suresh Raina is all set to turn an author this year.

News is that Suresh Raina has penned his memoir 'Believe: What Life and Cricket Taught Me' along with cricket writer Bharat Sundaresan.

The announcement about the memoir was made by publisher Penguin Random House India on April 13, 2021.

90. Which among the following country has planned to transport unmanned rover "Rashid" to the Moon by 2022?

- (a) Israel
- (b) Iran
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) UAE
- (e) Malaysia

Answer: D

The United Arab Emirates' space center announced a more ambitious timeline for sending its first rover to the moon.

The Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Center said it is partnering with Japan's ispace company to send a rover to the moon on an unmanned spacecraft by 2022, rather than 2024.

The "Rashid" rover, named after Dubai's ruling family, will deploy to the moon using ispace's lunar lander.

The company will also provide the mission with wireless communication on the lunar surface.

The UAE's National newspaper reported that the rover will be launched into space aboard a SpaceX rocket from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

91. Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has launched the Online Grievance Management Portal of the National Commission for whom among the following?

- (a) Schedule Castes
- (b) Children
- (c) Salaried People
- (d) Old Age People
- (e) Women

Answer: A

Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the Online Grievance Management Portal of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. Presently the complaints of victims, who are members of Scheduled Caste are processed manually in the commission.

The new mechanism has been introduced to handle the complaints in online mode from the victim.

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes is an Indian constitutional body established with a view to provide safeguards against the exploitation of Scheduled Castes.

92. Hockey player Balbir Singh Junior has passed away recently. He was selected to play for the Indian Hockey team in which year?

- (a) 1976
- (b) 1966
- (c) 1951
- (d) 1958
- (e) 1982

Answer: C

Balbir Singh Junior, who was a member of the silver medal- winning 1958 Asian Games Indian hockey team, died at the age of 88.

Balbir Singh Junior was born on May 2, 1932, at Sansarpur in Jalandhar, also known as the nursery of hockey players in India.

Singh took to hockey when he was six years old.

He studied at Lyallpur Khalsa College in Jalandhar and was first selected to play for the Indian hockey team in 1951.

93. 9 teams of scientists from India and which country will undertake a joint research in various sectors with bilateral support?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Singapore
- (e) Maldives

Answer: B

Nine teams of scientists from India and Sri Lanka will undertake research with bilateral support from

the two countries' governments, the Ministry of Science & Technology confirmed.

The scientists will work on areas such as food technology, plant-based medicines, metrology, space research and applications, robotics and automation, industrial electronics, renewable energy, waste management, and information and communication technology, the Ministry said in a statement.

94. How many books have been unveiled by PM Modi in order to pay tribute to Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 7

Answer: C

PM Narendra Modi has paid tribute to India's first law minister and the architect of the Indian Constitution Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar on his birth anniversary.

PM Modi has addressed the 95th Annual Meet and National Seminar of Vice-Chancellors of the Association of Indian Universities via video conferencing and launched four books related to Dr BR Ambedkar, written by Kishor Makwana.

The four books to be released by the prime minister are:

- Dr Ambedkar Jivan Darshan,
- Dr Ambedkar Vyakti Darshan,

- Dr Ambedkar Rashtra Darshan
- Dr Ambedkar Aayam Darshan.

95. The government has issued an ordinance to the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal. The ordinance made amendments in which of the following acts?

- (a) Cinematograph Act
- (b) Copyright Act
- (c) Customs Act
- (d) Trade Marks Act
- (e) All of the above

Answer: E

The government has issued an ordinance which does away with certain appellate tribunals, including the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal (FCAT) set up to hear appeals of filmmakers, and transfers their functions to other existing judicial bodies.

The Tribunals Reforms (Rationalisation and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2021, issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice.

It has made amendments to the Cinematograph Act, Copyright Act, Customs Act, Patents Act, Airports Authority of India Act, Trade Marks Act, Geographical Indications of Goods (registration and protection) Act, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act, Control of National Highways (land and traffic) Act, and Finance Act.

96. Which among the following company has proposed to set up 10000 micro grids to support rural consumers in collaboration with Common Service Centres?

- (a) Tata Power
- (b) Reliance Industries
- (c) Infosys
- (d) HCL
- (e) IBM

Answer: A

The government's e-governance services arm CSC announced a collaboration with Tata Power to set up solar-powered micro grids and water pumps in rural areas across the country.

To begin with, Tata Power has proposed to set up 10,000 micro grids to support rural consumers through Common Service Centres (CSCs). Under the partnership, over 3.75 lakh CSCs will be involved in supplying solar water pumps to farmers and help in setting up micro grids in residential and commercial establishments in rural areas.

97. National Titanic Remembrance Day is observed on which day every year in the memory of lives lost on the Titanic?

- (a) April 15
- (b) April 16
- (c) April 17
- (d) April 18
- (e) April 19

Answer: A

April 15 is National Titanic Remembrance Day.

Each year this day is dedicated to the memory of the lives lost when the Titanic sank into the icy waters of the North Atlantic Ocean on April 15, 1912.

Just hours after hitting an iceberg, the Titanic sank off the coast of Newfoundland.

About 1,500 people on board the British luxury liner perished in the waters of the icy North Atlantic.

98. INS Sarvekshak has undertaken various foreign cooperation surveys in which of the following countries?

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) Kenya
- (c) UAE
- (d) Singapore
- (e) Mongolia

Answer: B

INS Sarvekshak, a hydrographic survey ship, is on a deployment to Mauritius for undertaking joint hydrographic surveys along with their Mauritian counterparts. The ship visited Port Louis, Mauritius and commenced the hydrographic survey of the 'Deep sea area off Port Louis'.

INS Sarvekshak, a specialised survey ship is fitted with state-of-the-art survey equipment like Deep Sea Multi-Beam Echo Sounder, Side Scan Sonars and a fully automated digital surveying and processing system. In addition, the ship carries an integral Chetak helicopter, which would be extensively deployed during the survey.

INS Sarvekshak has undertaken various foreign cooperation surveys over the last few years in Mauritius, Seychelles, Tanzania and Kenya.

99. Which Bank has planned to raise up Rs 50,000 crores during the next 12 months through issuing bonds?

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Yes Bank
- (e) DCB Bank

Answer: C

HDFC Bank is planning to raise up Rs 50,000 crore during the next 12 months through issuing bonds.

The bank's board of directors will take up the proposal at its meeting on April 17, it said in a regulatory filing.

The bank proposes to raise funds by issuing perpetual debt instruments (part of additional tier-I capital), tier-II capital bonds and long-term bonds (financing of infrastructure and affordable housing) up to a total amount of Rs 50,000 crore over the period of the next 12 months through the private placement mode.

100. Jean-Yves Le Drian arrived in New Delhi for a 4 day visit to meet the External Affairs Minister as well as PM Modi. Jean-Yves Le Drian is the foreign minister of which country?

- (a) Australia
- (b) France
- (c) Russia
- (d) Israel
- (e) Ethiopia

Answer: B

French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Yves Le Drian arrived in New Delhi for his official visit, said the Ministry of External Affairs. The French minister will be in India for a four-day visit during which he will be meeting External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and will be expected to call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi as well.

During his stay in New Delhi, Mr. Le Drian will hold talks with Minister of External Affairs, S Jaishankar on bilateral, regional, and international issues of mutual interest. He will also meet the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar at a panel discussion on Climate Change," according to a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs. He will also participate in the Raisina Dialogue.

101. India's first Aadhaar-based SIP payments feature was launched by which of the following App?

- (a) WTMONEY
- (b) VTMONEY
- (c) ETMONEY
- (d) RTMONEY
- (e) STMONEY

Answer: C

Investment app, ETMONEY, has launched an Aadhaar-based SIP payments feature. With this, anyone can now start a mutual fund systematic investment plan (SIP) online and set up automatic payments using an Aadhaar-based OTP (one-time password) verification.

With over 100 crore bank accounts linked to Aadhaar and the ease of OTP authentication, this new feature has the potential to make online investments more open to a wider range of people. In India, ETMONEY is among the best, top-rated and the most downloaded personal finance app. Mukesh Kalra is the Founder & CEO of ETMONEY.

102. Which of the following has signed a corporate agency agreement with Indian overseas Bank to retail its insurance products to bank customers?

- (a) SBI General Insurance
- (b) SBI life Insurance
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) SBI Mutual funds
- (e) SBI Card

Answer: A

Public sector Indian Overseas Bank has signed a corporate agency agreement with SBI General Insurance to retail its insurance products to bank customers.

Indian Overseas Bank has signed a bancassurance agreement for distribution of non-life offerings with SBI General Insurance to offer a range of general insurance solutions and innovative products to the customers of the bank.

The partnership would improve penetration in urban, tier II and III markets and also create awareness about personal lines of insurance to customers, Sengupta said.

Indian Overseas Bank has over 3,200 branches across the country and has a presence overseas.

Its headquarters is in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Partha Pratim Sengupta is the MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.

103. Facebook has signed a deal to buy renewable energy in India from a local firm's wind power project located in southern Karnataka state. What is the capacity (MW) of that wind power project?

- (a) 35 MW
- (b) 31 MW
- (c) 39 MW
- (d) 30 MW
- (e) 32 MW

Answer: E

Facebook has signed a deal to buy renewable energy in India from a local firm's wind power project, the social media giant's first such deal in the South Asian nation, the companies said.

The 32-megawatt wind power project, located in southern Karnataka state, is part of a larger portfolio of wind and solar projects that Facebook and Mumbai-based CleanMax are working together on for supplying renewable power into India's electrical grid, they said in a joint statement.

CleanMax will own and operate the projects, while Facebook will buy the power off the grid using environmental attribute certificates, or carbon credits.

In Singapore, Facebook has announced similar partnerships with energy providers Sunseap Group, Terrenus Energy and Sembcorp Industries on projects that can produce 160 MW of solar power.

The electricity generated from these plants will power the tech giant's first Asian data centre that is set to start operations next year.

104. Ben Stokes has been declared as the 'Cricketer of the Year' for a second successive time in the Wisden Almanack. Ben Stokes belongs to which country?

- (a) Australia
- (b) England
- (c) Zimbabwe
- (d) Afghanistan
- (e) None of these

Answer: B

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first One-Day International, five ODI cricketers of the decade have been named in the 2021 edition of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.

One cricketer has been selected from each decade between 1971 and 2021.

Ben Stokes becomes the first England player to be named Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the World more than once.

Ben Stokes has been named as the leading cricketer in the world for a second consecutive year in the 2021 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, which is published on April 15.

India captain Virat Kohli has been named Wisden Almanack's ODI player of the 2010s.

Sachin Tendulkar is the ODI Cricketer of the 1990s.

KapilDev was named as the ODI Cricketer for the 1980s.

Australia's Beth Mooney is 'Leading Women's Cricketer in the World'.

West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard was adjudged the 'Leading T20 Cricketer in the World'.

Meanwhile, Jason Holder, Mohammed Rizwan, Dom Sibley, Zak Crawley, and Darren Stevens have been awarded the Wisden Cricketers of the Year 2021.

105. The National Innovative and Sustainable Supply Chain awards was won by Birla Cellulose. It is the _____ edition.

- (a) Second
- (b) Fifth
- (c) Third
- (d) Sixth
- (e) First

Answer: E

Birla Cellulose, part of the Aditya Birla Group that produces man made cellulosic fibre (MMCF), has emerged as a winner in the first edition of the "National Innovative and Sustainable Supply Chain Awards" by UN Global Compact Network India.

Birla Cellulose is prioritizing the increased use of alternate feedstock like textile waste and is committed to accelerate innovations that are aligned with UN SDGs 2030.

Birla Cellulose operates 12 pulp and fibre sites globally and has 5 global advanced research centres with research facilities and pilot plants that support the global operations and markets

106. What is the theme of World Voice Day, celebrated every year on April 16?

- (a) One World Many Echoes
- (b) One World Many Voices
- (c) One World Many Replies
- (d) One World Many Sounds
- (e) One World Many Noises

Answer: B

World Voice Day is observed globally on April 16 and celebrates the phenomenon of voice.

It encourages people irrespective of their sex to assess their vocal health and take action to improve or maintain their good voice habits.

World Voice Day aims to bring to the notice of the world the need of preventing voice problems, rehabilitating the deviant or sick voice, training the artistic voice, and researching the function and application of voice.

The theme for this year is One World Many Voices. This celebration started in Brazil in 1999 as the Brazilian National Voice Day.

107. The Advanced Antiquities Management System was inaugurated at the Directorate of Archives and Archaeology of Goa. What is the capacity of the AAMS?

- (a) 400kg
- (b) 250 kg
- (c) 350 kg
- (d) 450 kg
- (e) 300 kg

Answer: C

The Directorate of Archives and Archaeology of the Goa government inaugurated the Advanced Antiquities Management System that it claimed was the first such system in the country for storage of antiquities.

The system that catalogues 83 antiquities at present is aimed at providing quick information about an antiquity linked to the software, saving storage space and ensuring improved preservation of the objects of historical significance.

The AAMS, placed at Goa's DAA in Panaji, looks like a large, closed container, about 3 metres tall. It has eight trays with a capacity of 350 kg each.

108. Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal addressed the _____ Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) on 15th April.

- (a) 34th
- (b) 30th
- (c) 47th
- (d) 37th
- (e) 40th

Answer: A

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) celebrated its 34th convocation ceremony on April 15.

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' attended the ceremony and delivered the convocation ceremony on the occasion.

The event took place at Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU Campus, Delhi.

The University distributed certificates and degrees to its students.

The students and faculty members of 53 regional centers across the country participated in the convocation ceremony.

Students who have completed their courses in 2020, 2021 were felicitated during the ceremony.

The ceremony was also live telecasted on IGNOU's Gyan Darshan Channel and Swayam Prabha Channels for Higher Education.

109. Yusuff Ali M A has been honoured with Abu Dhabi's top civilian award for his outstanding contribution to Abu Dhabi's business, industry and support to various philanthropic initiatives. He is a chairman of which of the following groups?

- (a) V- Mart
- (b) Spencer
- (c) Shoppers Stop
- (d) LuLu
- (e) D- Mart

Answer: D

Yusuff Ali M A, the chairman of retail group LuLu, was honoured with Abu Dhabi's top civilian award.

The prestigious Abu Dhabi Award was given to Yusuff Ali for his outstanding contribution to Abu Dhabi's business, industry and support to various philanthropic initiatives.

Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, and deputy supreme

commander of UAE armed forces presented the award to Yusuff Ali in Abu Dhabi.

He is the only Indian among the 12 prominent individuals who received the honour this year.

This was the 10th edition of Abu Dhabi's top civilian awards.

110. Actor AyushmannKhurrana has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Smartphone brand TECNO. TECNO is _____ based company.

- (a) Korean
- (b) Vietnamese
- (c) Japanese
- (d) Chinese
- (e) None of these

Answer: D

Smartphone brand TECNO has announced actor AyushmannKhurrana as its brand ambassador.

"The partnership is expected to give a strong face to TECNO's brand philosophy 'Stop at Nothing' to deliver innovative products of sensory excellence and bolster its position among smartphone consumers of New India in 2021.

Tecno Mobile is a Chinese mobile phone manufacturer based in Shenzhen, China.

It was established in 2006.

111. Bill Nelson has been appointed as NASA's 14th _____ by President Joe Biden.

- (a) President
- (b) Administrator
- (c) Director

(d) Researcher

(e) Senator

Answer: B

US President Joe Biden has nominated former Senator Bill Nelson to serve as the 14th NASA Administrator.

Nelson will serve as NASA's chief executive officer and will be directly accountable to President Biden. In this role, he will articulate the space agency's vision, will set its programmatic and budget priorities, internal policies and assess the agency's performance.

Nelson, 76, has previously chaired the space subcommittee in the House of Representatives for six years and later served on the Senate's Space and Science Subcommittee.

Nelson was first elected to the U.S. Congress in 1986, and later became the first member of the House to go to space.

112. G.V.G. Krishnamurty has passed away recently. He was the former Election commissioner. In which year, he became the Election Commissioner?

- (a) 1998
- (b) 1993
- (c) 1997
- (d) 1990
- (e) 1996

Answer: B

G.V.G. Krishnamurty passed away due to prolonged illness. He was 86.

An Indian Legal Service officer, Krishnamurty became the election commissioner in October 1993. His last rites will take place this evening at the Lodhi Road crematorium.

Krishnamurty passed away due to age-related ailments. He is survived by his wife Padma Murty, son and senior Supreme Court advocate G.V. Rao, and daughter Dr. Radha Bodapati.

113. Nettle Infrastructure Investments has completely acquired OneWeb India. Nettle Infrastructure Investments is a unit of _____.

- (a) Vodafone Idea
- (b) Reliance
- (c) BSNL
- (d) Bharti Airtel
- (e) None of these

Answer: D

Bharti Airtel's unit, Nettle Infrastructure Investments, has completely acquired OneWeb India. OneWeb India Communications Pvt Ltd is a subsidiary company of OneWeb that operates out of the UK. OneWeb is already co-owned by Bharti Airtel along with the UK government. Nettle Infrastructure Investments, an arm of Bharti Airtel, has now acquired a 100% stake by purchasing 10,000 shares of the OneWeb India in cash. This will give Airtel complete control over the Indian subsidiary of OneWeb.

114. Heath Streak, former Zimbabwe captain has been banned from cricket for how many years for breaching the International Cricket Council's Anti-Corruption Code?

- (a) 8 Years
- (b) 5 Years
- (c) 11 Years
- (d) 3 Years
- (e) 7 Years

Answer: A

Former Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak has been banned by the International Cricket Council for eight years from all forms of cricketing activities for breaching the International Cricket Council's Anti-Corruption Code.

Streak has accepted all the charges against him that involve disclosing inside information about T20 Leagues around the world including the Indian Premier League (IPL), Pakistan Super League (PSL) and others.

The five charges also include leaking information about international fixtures and obstructing or delaying an investigation.

Streak made his international debut in November 1993 against South Africa in an ODI.

115. The Ministry of Tourism has signed an MOU with two travel Apps. With which of the following apps has it signed MOU?

- (a) Cleartrip and Triplt
- (b) TravelSpend and Ease My Trip
- (c) Cleartrip and Ease My Trip

(d) Triplt and TravelSpend

(e) Triplt and Ease My Trip

Answer: C

In its on-going effort to strengthen the hospitality and tourism industry amidst the coronavirus pandemic, the Ministry of Tourism has signed a memorandum of understanding with Cleartrip and Ease My Trip.

The primary objective of this MoU is to provide extensive visibility to accommodation units, which have self-certified themselves on SAATHI (System for Assessment, Awareness and Training for the Hospitality Industry) on the OTA platform.

The MoU also outlines both parties to encourage units to register on NIDHI and thereby, on SAATHI and encourage the local tourism industry with appropriate safeguards for curbing the spread of COVID-19.

116. World Haemophilia Day is observed every year on April 17. What is the theme of this year's World Haemophilia Day?

- (a) Get involved
- (b) Sharing knowledge makes us stronger
- (c) Reaching Out: The First Step to Care
- (d) Treatment for All
- (e) Adapting to Change

Answer: E

Every year on 17 April Haemophilia Day is recognised worldwide to increase awareness of haemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other inherited bleeding disorders.

World Haemophilia Day was started in 1989 by the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH), which chose 17 April as the day to bring the community together in honour of WFH founder Frank Schnabel's birthday.

It is an effort for better diagnosis and access to care for those people who remain without treatment, to raise funds for the people who are suffering from this disease and are not able to afford treatment.

It also provides an opportunity to discuss the disease with friends, family, colleagues, etc., and to support the patients suffering from Haemophilia disease.

This year the theme is Adapting to Change.

117. As per the latest Henley Passport Index, what is the Position of Pakistan?

- (a) 103
- (b) 101
- (c) 110
- (d) 107
- (e) 111

Answer: D

The Henley Passport Index is the original ranking of all the world's passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.

It was launched in 2006 and includes 199 different passports.

Japan continues to hold the number one position on the index, with passport holders able to access 191 destinations around the world visa-free.

Singapore is in second place (with a score of 190) and South Korea ties with Germany in third place (with a score of 189).

India ranks 85th, with a visa-free score of 58.

Pakistan was ranked 107th and Nepal was ranked 104th

Bangladesh has ranked 100th in the latest edition of the Henley Passport Index, sharing the same spot with Lebanon and Sudan.

118. The SEBI has issued the guidelines for non-warehousing norms for agricultural/ agri- processed goods. When will the guidelines come into effect?

- (a) June 1
- (b) December 1
- (c) April 1
- (d) January 1
- (e) September 1

Answer: A

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on April 16, 2021, has issued a circular for the guidelines for non-warehousing norms for agricultural/ agri- processed goods and non-agricultural goods (only base/ industrial metals) underlying a commodity derivatives contract having the feature of physical delivery.

These norms shall come into effect from June 01, 2021.

In addition to these norms, the WSPs should comply with the norms laid down by Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority.

119. PM Modi has inaugurated the 6th edition of the Raisina Dialogue virtually. Which among the following countries' PM is the Chief guest for this event?

- (a) Sudan & Denmark
- (b) Denmark & Rwanda
- (c) British & Suriname
- (d) Sweden & Rwanda
- (e) Suriname & British

Answer: B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 6th edition of the Raisina Dialogue.

President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame and Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen also joined the Inaugural Session as chief guests.

The dialogue was held virtually from April 13 to 16, 2021.

The Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, held annually since 2016.

It is jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation.

120. SolihaShabir has won the title of Grand Master in Asia book of records for her book titled

_____.

- (a) In the lawn of dark
- (b) Luck By Chance
- (c) Zoon-The heart of HabbaKhattoon
- (d) Obsolete- The poem Market
- (e) Made in Heaven

Answer: C

A young writer from summer capital Srinagar who has already won awards from India's world records and India book of records has now won the title of Grand Master in Asia book of records for her book Zoon-The heart of HabbaKhatoon.

SolihaShabir, 22, a resident of Dalgate area in Srinagar, has been writing on different issues of society besides taking part in debates as well.

Soliha, who is pursuing her masters in english Literature, while talking with news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that she started writing when she was 15 years old, and Zoon is the first book that has recreated the theme of HabbaKhatoon's poetry and essence.

121. The first ever UN Food Systems Summit to be held in September 2021 to strategize the actions for positive change in Agri-food systems. Which organisation has called for it?

- (a) FAO
- (b) UNSC
- (c) UNESCO
- (d) UNGA
- (e) WHO

Answer: B

The United Nations Secretary General António Guterres has called for the first ever UN Food Systems Summit to be held in September 2021 to strategize the actions for positive change in Agri-food systems in the World to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Summit will focus on levers and pathways to shape food systems nationally and globally to accelerate progress in the SDGs.

122. Flipkart has partnered with which of the following groups to strengthen its supply chain infrastructure and enhance its ability to serve its rapidly growing base of customers?

- (a) Reliance Group
- (b) TATA Group
- (c) Adani Group
- (d) Hinduja Group
- (e) None of these

Answer: C

E-commerce giant Flipkart has formed a strategic and commercial partnership with the Adani group to "strengthen its supply chain infrastructure" and "enhance its ability to serve its rapidly growing base of customers".

Under the partnership, Adani Logistics will construct a 534,000 sqft fulfilment centre at its upcoming logistics hub in Mumbai that will be leased to Flipkart.

The centre is expected to be operational in Q3 2022 and will have the capacity to house 10 million units of sellers' inventory at any point.

In addition to strengthening Flipkart's supply chain infrastructure to support MSMEs and sellers, the facility will enhance local employment and create 2,500 direct jobs and thousands of indirect jobs.

123. Dutee Chand will receive the Chhattisgarh Veerni Award virtually. She belongs to which sports?

- (a) Wrestler
- (b) Sprinter
- (c) Soccer
- (d) Javelin Thrower
- (e) Swimmer

Answer: B

Dutee Chand, the Jakarta Asian Games silver-medalist in 100 and 200 metres sprinting, will receive Chhattisgarh Veerni Award.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the inaugural edition of the awards ceremony will be held virtually on April 14.

The award, instituted by the Chhattisgarh state government, recognises contribution of Indian women in different fields, including sports.

In 2019, the Odisha sprinter became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the World University Games held in Italy.

Dutee, who holds the national record of 11.22 secs in 100m, is aiming to achieve Tokyo Olympics qualification time of 11.15 secs in the coming months.

124. Chandra Nayudu, India's first female cricket commentator has passed away recently. What was her actual profession?

- (a) Professor
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Novelist
- (d) Politician

(e) Doctor

Answer: A

India's first female cricket commentator Chandra Nayudu died at the age of 88 after battling a prolonged illness at her residence.

Nayudu was the daughter of legendary cricketer C K Nayudu, the first captain of the Indian cricket team in test matches who led the team in the country's cricket debut at Lord's in 1932.

Nayudu, a retired professor in English, is best remembered for her cricket commentaries in the 1970's.

She had also penned a book titled 'CK Nayudu: A Daughter Remembers' on her late father, who was a distinguished cricketer.

125. The centre has extended the foreign trade policy that provides export-linked incentives to _____ from its current date 31 March 2021.

- (a) 30th April
- (b) 30th July
- (c) 30th June
- (d) 30th September
- (e) 31st April

Answer: D

The centre extended the foreign trade policy that provides export-linked incentives till 30th September this year.

The existing foreign trade policy 2015-2020 was to expire on March 31 this year.

Last year, the government had extended the policy till 31 March 2021, in light of Covid-19, to help exporters grapple with the pandemic and the slowdown induced by it.

Under the FTP, the government offers incentives under various import-linked export schemes such as Duty-Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG).

126. NASA has decided to send the first person of colour to the lunar surface as part of its ambitious international spaceflight programme, 'Artemis'. What is the meaning of Artemis in Greek?

- (a) God of the Moon
- (b) Goddess of the Moon
- (c) God of the Sun
- (d) Goddess of the Space
- (e) Goddess of the Sun

Answer: B

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the US space agency, has said that in addition to landing the first woman on the Moon, it also plans to send the first person of colour to the lunar surface as part of its ambitious international spaceflight programme, 'Artemis'.

The mission, endorsed by the Biden-Harris administration, aims to land astronauts on the lunar south pole by 2024 and create sustainable missions to the earth's natural satellite by 2028.

The 'Artemis' program is so named after the Greek goddess of the Moon and the twin sister of Apollo,

the inspiration behind Nasa's first moon landing mission.

127. Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises has been focussed by the convergence of two ministries. What is the total outlay of the scheme?

- (a) 15,000 crores
- (b) 10,000 crores
- (c) 20,000 crores
- (d) 17,000 crores
- (e) 12,000 crores

Answer: B

Centre's key ministries -- Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) and Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) -- have decided to converge their various schemes to support Self-Help Group entrepreneurs in food processing.

The convergence between the two Ministries is specifically focussed on the Centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme -- an all-India scheme to be implemented over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore.

The scheme envisions to directly assist the 2,00,000 micro food processing units for providing financial, technical, and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.

128. LT Foods Limited has become the first Company globally to be certified with the highest

level of verification. What is the certified verification for the sustainable cultivation of rice?

- (a) L5 SRP
- (b) L1 SRP
- (c) L4 SRP
- (d) L3 SRP
- (e) L2 SRP

Answer: D

LT Foods Limited has become the first Company globally to be certified with the highest level of verification – L3, by UN-backed Sustainable Rice Platform ecolabel.

This will enable the Company to use the Sustainable Rice Platform verified logo on the packs of Rice produced by verified 1,000+ farmers growing sustainable rice.

LT Foods works with farmers to grow sustainable & residue free basmati rice as per the SRP standards under its Agri Program.

“Preferred by Nature”, the first verification body accredited by SRP, audited 1000+ paddy farmers associated with LT Foods in the states of Haryana and Punjab covering 4700 hectares of land.

The L3 SRP certification is the best degree of verification for the sustainable cultivation of rice.

129. Adani Ports has become India's _____ group to cross USD 100 billion in market capitalization with three of its shares raised to all time high.

- (a) 2nd

(b) 5th

(c) 4th

(d) 3rd

(e) 1st

Answer: D

Billionaire Gautam Adani's ports-to-energy conglomerate has become India's third group to cross USD 100 billion in market capitalization with shares of four of its six listed companies soaring to an all-time high.

The total market cap of Adani Group's six listed companies at the close of trading was Rs 7.84 lakh crore or USD 106.8 billion, according to stock exchange data.

Adani Group is the third Indian conglomerate to cross the USD 100 billion market cap mark after Tata Group and Reliance Industries Ltd.

130. Bachi Singh Rawat has passed away recently due to Lung infection. He belongs to which field?

- (a) Politician
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Author
- (d) Sports Person
- (e) Businessperson

Answer: A

Former Union minister and senior BJP leader Bachi Singh Rawat died at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences He was 71. Rawat was admitted to the hospital after he complained of difficulty in breathing. Bachi Singh Rawat was a four-time MP from the Almora-Pithoragarh constituency and had defeated

former chief minister and Congress leader Harish Rawat thrice in consecutive elections.

131. Which of the following companies has partnered with Gramcover to collectively enhance rural insurance penetration?

- (a) Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited
- (b) National Insurance Company of India Limited
- (c) Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited
- (d) New India Assurance Company Limited
- (e) United India Insurance Company Limited

Answer: C

The Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited has partnered with Gramcover, to collectively enhance rural insurance penetration.

Gramcover is a tech-enabled insurance marketplace for rural India, seeks to address the rural insurance problem by using a 360-degree approach and a synergistic business model, is backed by investors- Omnivore, EMVC, Flourish, and Omidyar Network India.

GramCover has, since inception, enabled over 1.3 million Indian farmers with insurance through its technology led distribution and servicing model.

The Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited was established on December 20, 2002 under the Indian Companies Act, 1956.

132. The crime branch of Chandigarh Police arrested the Axis Bank security guard Sunil Kumar. He has stolen approximately how much amount from the bank?

- (a) 5 Cr
- (b) 4 Cr
- (c) 3 Cr
- (d) 2 Cr
- (e) 6 Cr

Answer: B

The crime branch of Chandigarh Police arrested Axis Bank security guard Sunil Kumar and recovered most of the ₹4.04 crore that he stole from the bank's currency chest in Sector 34.

The accused had managed to spend ₹86,000 of the stolen amount on buying mobile phone and clothes and paying for his stay at a hotel in Raipur Rani.

While ₹3.14 lakh were found in Sunil's backpack when he was arrested from Shastri Nagar in Manimajra, after being followed from Raipur Rani, ₹4 crore were recovered from a bag hidden in the jungle area near Hallomajra, upon his interrogation.

133. Iran has celebrated its National Day of Nuclear Technology with an event held at which city of Iran?

- (a) Gilan
- (b) South Khorasan
- (c) Tehran
- (d) Kurdistan
- (e) North Khorasan

Answer: C

Iran celebrated its National Day of Nuclear Technology with an event held simultaneously in Tehran and in nuclear sites in different Iranian cities, in which advanced IR-6 centrifuges started

operating, and more than 100 other nuclear industry innovations were unveiled.

During the event, 164 IR-6 semi-industrial centrifuges were injected with gas and became fully operational at Iran's uranium enrichment plant in Natanz, and 30 IR-6S centrifuges entered the first phase of gas injection at the same plant, official news agency IRNA reported.

The Iranian flag waves in front of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) headquarters, before the beginning of a board of governors meeting, in Vienna, Austria, March 1, 2021.

134. The International Day for Monuments and Sites was celebrated every year on which of the following day?

- (a) 15th April
- (b) 17th April
- (c) 20th April
- (d) 16th April
- (e) 18th April

Answer: E

Every year, the United Nations marks April 18 as the International Day for Monuments and Sites.

The theme for this year is "Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures".

Globally, the day is promoted by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

However, this 18 April 2021 was not like in previous years. With the world almost entirely under lockdown, few gatherings, guided tours or trips were allowed. But that did not stop heritage experts and

enthusiasts from all over the planet to celebrate our monuments and sites through the organisation of online events: conferences, challenges, virtual meetings and many other innovative initiatives.

135. 'The Cursed Inheritance' is a book written by SutapaBasu, an Auther Award for Best Fiction 2020 winner. It was her _____ book.

- (a) Seventh
- (b) Second
- (c) Fifth
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Third

Answer: A

SutapaBasu, a TOI Write India winner and Auther Award for Best Fiction 2020 winner, released her seventh book 'The Cursed Inheritance' in February 2021.

After penning short stories, psychological thriller, mytho-fiction and historical fiction, this time Sutapa has ventured into the arena of thrillers.

'The Cursed Inheritance' follows a young protagonist Anahita Sarkar, who has always lived in London.

After losing her father, Anahita discovers that she and her brother Robin have inherited their family's palatial mansion in Kolkata which they have never seen before. Anahita travels to Kolkata, in order to sell off the family property but she soon realises that the house has its own dark secrets from the past.

The more she tries to find out, the further she is intrigued to know the family's cursed past which puts her family's reputation and her own values at stake.

136. Bhumidhar Barman has recently passed away. He was the former Chief Minister of which of the following states?

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Assam
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Punjab

Answer: B

Former Assam Chief Minister and seven-time MLA, Dr Bhumidhar Barman, passed away in Guwahati after prolonged illness. He was 90.

The government of Assam has declared a three-day state mourning.

Dr Barman held the post of Chief Minister between April 1996 and May 1996 following the death of former CM Hiteswar Saikia, and later in 2010, when former CM late Tarun Gogoi was on leave on medical grounds.

Dr Barman, a graduate of the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, has represented the Lower Assam constituencies of Nalbari West, Dharmapur and Barkhetri.

137. Who among the following has attended the Army chief's conclave held at Dhaka Bangladesh on the sidelines of a multinational military exercise?

- (a) MM Naravane
- (b) Ajay Kumar
- (c) Mohan Kumar
- (d) Chandi Prasad Mohanty

(e) R.L.Mathur

Answer: A

Indian Army chief General MM Naravane attended the Army Chiefs' Conclave held in Dhaka, on the sidelines of a multinational military exercise.

General Naravane, who is in Bangladesh on a five-day official tour, delivered a keynote address on "Changing Nature of Global Conflicts: Role of UN Peacekeepers", the Indian Army's additional directorate general of public information.

The year 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh, the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan and the birth centenary of 'Bangabandhu' Mujibur Rahman.

138. The new upcoming Budget could unveil a new and continuous framework of faster resolution for which of the following disputes?

- (a) Cyber Crime
- (b) Indirect Tax
- (c) Stolen Money
- (d) Money Laundering
- (e) Direct tax

Answer: E

The upcoming budget could unveil a new and continuous framework for faster resolution of disputes over direct taxes.

The government is considering options such as mediation or a permanent dispute resolution system with pre-specified benchmarks on the lines of the 'Vivad Se Vishwas' scheme have been discussed, a person familiar with the pre-budget discussions said.

According to the FY21 budget, more than Rs 8 lakh crore is locked up in direct tax disputes.

139. Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages, a book written by Peggy Mohan. This book is a study of_____.

- (a) Crown
- (b) Treasures
- (c) Culture
- (d) Languages
- (e) Wisdom

Answer: D

A new book delving into the early history of South Asia reveals how migration — both external and internal — has shaped both, Indians and Indian languages from ancient times.

Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages, published by Penguin Random House India, is written by noted linguist Peggy Mohan.

The book, through an incisive study of languages, such as the story of early Sanskrit, the rise of Urdu, language formation in the North-east, presents the argument that "all Indians are of mixed origins.

140. A virtual mega Summit 'Amazon Smbhav' was held recently. It was _____ edition of virtual summit.

- (a) Fifth
- (b) First
- (c) Second
- (d) Fourth

(e) Third

Answer: C

Amazon Smbhav is a virtual mega summit that puts forth how Amazon and our partners leverage digitization, technology & our ecosystem to drive infinite possibilities for a Digital India.

The 4-day summit focused on getting diverse perspectives from eminent speakers on areas that are most relevant for India's growth.

Amazon India announced that it will host the second edition of 'Amazon Smbhav' during April 15-18, 2021.

As part of Amazon's commitment to digitally enable small & medium businesses in India, Amazon Pay announced that it has empowered over 50 lakh neighborhood stores & businesses with its digital payment's infrastructure.

This milestone achievement was revealed by Amazon's Senior Vice President, Russell Grandinetti, in conversation with Nandan Nilekani during the session 'innovating for a better India' at Amazon Smbhav.

141. A Bengaluru-based business services provider, Quesq Corp has acquired how much percent stake in Conneqt Business Solutions Ltd worth ₹208 crore?

- (a) 50%
- (b) 20%
- (c) 40%
- (d) 70%
- (e) 30%

Answer: E

Quess Corp, a Bengaluru-based business services provider, has acquired the residual 30 per cent stake in Conneqt Business Solutions Ltd for ₹208 crore, pursuant to a put option notice by Tata Sons.

Quess had acquired 51 percent of Conneqt in November 2017, and further increased its stake in Conneqt from 51 percent to 70 percent in May 2019, via infusion of primary capital, which was used to fund the acquisition of Allsec Technologies Ltd. Following the transaction, Conneqt will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Quess, the company said in a press statement.

SurajMoraje, Group CEO and Managing Director of Quess Corp.

142. Which of the following ports has hired SBI Caps Ltd to act as transaction advisor for the privatisation of the container terminal run by the port authority?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust
- (b) Kandla port
- (c) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port
- (d) V.O. Chidambaranar Port
- (e) New Mangalore Port

Answer: A

State-run Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust has hired SBI Caps Ltd to act as transaction advisor for the privatisation of the container terminal run by the port authority itself.

The plan to privatise the terminal through the public-private-partnership route was cleared by the port's

board of trustees in December and is currently being vetted by the standing finance committee (SFC) in the ministry of ports, shipping and waterways.

The project is estimated to cost Rs863.31 crore, including berth upgradation and replacement/deployment of other equipment.

143. The Senior Asian Wrestling Championships was held recently in Almaty, Kazakhstan. What is the edition of the Wrestling Championship?

- (a) 34th
- (b) 30th
- (c) 31st
- (d) 35th
- (e) 32nd

Answer: A

The 2021 Senior Asian Wrestling Championships was held from April 13 to 18, 2021 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The event was the 34th edition of the Asian Wrestling Championships.

India won 14 medals to stand in the third spot on the medal table.

The medals include 5 Gold, 3 Silver & 6 Bronze Medals. Iran and Kazakhstan topped the medal tally with 17 medals each.

144. Bank market share in individual mortgages has risen from 62 % in 2017-18 to _____ in 2019-2020.

- (a) 66%
- (b) 61 %
- (c) 60%

(d) 67%

(e) 63%

Answer: D

Bank market share in individual mortgages rose from 62% in 2017-18 to 67% in 2019-20, while mortgage lender market share fell from 38% to 33%. Bank growth remains faster than HFC's growth pace, partly supported by portfolio buyouts, to increase market share in personal loans, according to the National Housing Bank's latest Indian housing trends and progress report.

In 2018-19, the bank and HFC market shares for personal mortgages (IHL) were 64% and 36%, respectively. The overall growth rate of (Individual House Loan) IHL for banks and (Housing Finance companies) HFC combined was 16% in 2018-19 and 10% in 2019-20.

145. Recently, Puma Sportswear brand has appointed long-term brand ambassadors. Who among the following is not among them?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) RavichanderAshwin
- (c) DevduttPadikkal
- (d) Yuvraj Singh
- (e) Washington Sundar

Answer: B

Global sportswear brand Puma has signed long-term endorsement deals with cricketers Washington Sundar and DevduttPadikkal.

The duo will be joining the company's roster of brand ambassadors that include Indian captain Virat

Kohli; wicketkeeper-batsman KL Rahul; women's national cricketer, Sushma Verma and veteran cricketer Yuvraj Singh.

Puma India, which recently announced its partnership with Royal Challengers Bangalore, has been consistently investing in India's sport ecosystem.

146. Sanjay Yadav has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court by replacing whom among the following?

- (a) R.Pongiappan
- (b) Pankaj Naqvi
- (c) Manoj Kumar Gupta
- (d) Rajan Roy
- (e) Govind Mathur

Answer: E

The Supreme Court Collegium recommended the elevation of Justice Sanjay Yadav as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court.

Justice Sanjay Yadav has been serving as the Acting Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court since April 14, 2021, after former Chief Justice, Govind Mathur demitted the office.

147. Which cyclone has reported as the costliest tropical cyclone on record for the North Indian Ocean with economic losses in India of approximately USD 14 billion?

- (a) Cyclone Amphan
- (b) Cyclone Maha
- (c) Cyclone Tailgate

- (d) Cyclone Kyarr
(e) Cyclone Nisarga

Answer: A

Cyclone Amphan, which made landfall last year near the India-Bangladesh border, was the costliest tropical cyclone on record for the North Indian Ocean, with reported economic losses in India of approximately USD 14 billion, a flagship UN report has said.

The 'State of the Global Climate 2020' report, released, said that extreme weather combined with Covid-19 dealt a double blow for millions of people in 2020.

148. The first unit of the indigenously built ALH Mk III aircraft, Indian Naval Air Squadron 323, has been commissioned into the Indian Navy in which city?

- (a) Cochin
(b) Goa
(c) Chennai
(d) Ahmedabad
(e) Vizag

Answer: B

Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 323, the first unit of the indigenously built ALH Mk III aircraft, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Shripad Naik and Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Naval Command, at INS Hansa, Goa on 19 April 2021.

Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri said that the commissioning of INAS 323

marked yet another milestone in the efforts towards enhancing maritime security and safeguarding maritime interests of the nation, as also embodying the spirit of AtmaNirbhar Bharat.

149. The Asian Development Bank has partnered with Habitat for Humanity International to help microfinance institutions deliver housing loans to low-income families in rural and peri-urban areas to some countries. Which among the following is not in the list?

- (a) India
(b) Philippines
(c) Bangladesh
(d) Indonesia
(e) Nepal

Answer: E

The Asian Development Bank has teamed with Habitat for Humanity International to help microfinance institutions deliver housing loans to low-income families in rural and peri-urban areas of Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The collaboration will expand ADB's Microfinance Risk Participation and Guarantee Program to include microloans for housing, home improvement, and water and sanitation for vulnerable and climate change-exposed communities.

ADB will help MFIs obtain financing for these purposes from commercial banks of up to \$30 million in the first phase. Habitat for Humanity will build the MFIs' capacity to design, pilot-test, and roll out the loans, with technical assistance from ADB.

150. Kim Boo-kyum was recently nominated as the new Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- (a) Vietnam
- (b) South Korea
- (c) South Sudan
- (d) Hongkong
- (e) South Africa

Answer: B

South Korean President Moon Jae nominated interior minister Kim Boo-kyum as the new Prime Minister of the country.

The nomination will now have to get approved in the parliamentary confirmation hearings.

Apart from the Prime Minister, the president also nominated new land, labour, industry, science and oceans ministers.

151. Australia has announced approximately how much assistance to the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative in partnership with India?

- (a) 11 Cr
- (b) 3 Cr
- (c) 8 Cr
- (d) 6 Cr
- (e) 9 Cr

Answer: C

As India and Australia increase engagement under the Indo-Pacific vision, Canberra (April 19, 2021) announced a Rs 8.12 crore grant under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

The IPOI was proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the East-Asia Summit in November 2019 and Australia is co-leading New Delhi in the marine ecology pillar of the initiative.

The Australian-India Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative Partnership (AIPOIP) is an initiative under the Australian-India Joint Declaration on a Shared Vision for Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. This initiative will aid in shaping maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific to build and sustain an open, resilient, prosperous, inclusive, and rules-based maritime order.

The AIPOIP was announced during the Leaders' Virtual Summit on June 4, 2020.

The AIPOIP is a four-year grant program (2020-2024). The grant round one of this initiative will be commissioned in 2021.

152. Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad has been selected to host which of the following games in November 2021?

- (a) ODI
- (b) T20 World Cup
- (c) Test Matches Final
- (d) T20 World Cup Final
- (e) Test Matches

Answer: D

Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium will host the T20 World Cup final in November this year.

The BCCI has zeroed in on eight venues in all for the October-November T20 Cup, which include

Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Dharamshala.

Moreover, the Pakistan cricket team will have no difficulty in travelling to India for the ICC T20 World Cup as the government is set to grant visas to the players from the neighbouring nation.

153. Ganjam Venkatasubbaiah has recently passed away in April 2021. He was the lexicographer of which among the following language?

- (a) Kannada
- (b) Tamil
- (c) Telugu
- (d) Malayalam
- (e) Sanskrit

Answer: A

Kannada lexicographer Professor

Ganjam Venkatasubbaiah passed away in Bengaluru. He was 107.

Venkatasubbaiah was commonly known in literary circles as a walking encyclopaedia of Kannada language and culture.

He had compiled 12 dictionaries, including three volumes of Igo Kannada (A Socio-Linguistic Dictionary of Kannada), edited over 24 literary works covering different forms of Kannada literature such as poetry, grammar and essays and has also translated into Kannada eight important works from other languages.

Venkatasubbaiah had also authored four seminal works on dictionary science in Kannada, edited over 60 books and published several papers.

154. As per the report of International Energy Agency, the global Carbon dioxide emissions has raised for the second time high to _____.

- (a) 2.0 billion tonnes
- (b) 1.5 billion tonnes
- (c) 3.5 billion tonnes
- (d) 2.5 billion tonnes
- (e) 1.0 billion tonnes

Answer: B

Global energy-related carbon dioxide emissions are on course to surge by 1.5 billion tonnes in 2021 - the second-largest increase in history - reversing most of last year's decline caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a new International Energy Agency (IEA) report shows.

This will be the biggest annual rise in emissions since 2010 during the carbon-intensive recovery from the global financial crisis.

The IEA's Global Energy Review 2021 estimates that CO2 emissions will increase by almost 5 per cent this year to 33 billion tonnes, based on the latest national data from around the world as well as real-time analysis of economic growth trends and new energy projects that are set to come online.

155. The UN Chinese Language Day is observed every year on April 20. In which year, it was first observed?

- (a) 2013
- (b) 2011
- (c) 2009

(d) 2012

(e) 2010

Answer: E

The UN Chinese Language Day is observed annually on April 20.

This event is celebrated every year by UNESCO. It was first observed in 2010 by the organisation to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six of its official working languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) through the organisation.

The first UN Chinese Language Day was held on November 12, 2010. In 2011, the date was moved to April 20.

156. Which of the following countries has recently been appointed its first Women Prime Minister, JaniraHoppfer?

(a) Ethiopia

(b) Niger

(c) Sierra

(d) Cape Verde

(e) Malawi

Answer: D

Cape Verde could see it's the first female head of government as the Island nation votes in legislative elections.

At just 42 years old, JaniraHopfferAlmada is hoping to make history as the next prime minister if her socialist party PAICV wins the election.

Since 2016 the centre right MMpD party of Prime Minister UlissesCorreia e Silva has been in charge. Voters this year are taking the effects of the coronavirus pandemic into account.

157. Which country government is set to acquire 100 % shares of AirtelTigo along with all customers, assets and liabilities?

(a) Senegal

(b) Ivory Coast

(c) Ghana

(d) Togo

(e) Guinea-Bissau

Answer: C

The government of Ghana, Bharti Airtel and Millicom International Cellular S.A. announced execution of the definitive agreement for transfer of 'AirtelTigo' to Government of Ghana, on a going concern basis. In the proposed agreement, the Government of Ghana will acquire 100% shares of AirtelTigo along with all customers, assets and liabilities.

Basis the agreement, the transaction will entail a takeover by the Government of Ghana post which AirtelTigo would become and operate as a state-entity.

158. The finance ministry has extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme apart from the _____ sectors identified by the Kamath Committee.

(a) 19

(b) 23

- (c) 32
- (d) 26
- (e) 34

Answer: D

The finance ministry expanded the scope of the ₹3 lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme which will now cover borrowers from the healthcare segment, apart from the 26 sectors identified by the Kamath Committee.

Last month, the government had extended the scheme by three months till June 30 and expanded its scope to cover enterprises in hospitality, travel and tourism, leisure and sporting sectors.

159. DilharaLokuheette, former Sri Lanka player, has been banned from all forms of cricket for how many years after he was found guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code?

- (a) Eight
- (b) Six
- (c) Three
- (d) Two
- (e) Five

Answer: A

Former Sri Lanka player DilharaLokuheette has been banned from all crickets for eight years after he was found guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code by an ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal. The ban is backdated to April 3, 2019, when he was provisionally suspended, the International Cricket Council said in a statement.

He has been found guilty of three charges of the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

He was charged under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code in November 2019 but exercised his right to a hearing.

The three-member tribunal also found him guilty of the charges.

160. Renowned Marathi director SumitraBhave has passed away recently. Which among the following films was not directed by her?

- (a) Kaasav
- (b) VastuPurush
- (c) Astu
- (d) Chumbak
- (e) DahaviFa

Answer: D

SumitraBhave, renowned Marathi director and writer, died at 78 in Pune.

The filmmaker was reportedly battling lung-related ailments and was under observation at a private hospital in the city.

Many prominent celebrities from the Marathi film industry took to social media to pay their respect to the late director.

Bhave is known for films like Kaasav, Samhita, Astu, Welcome Home, VastuPurush, DahaviFa and Devrai, among others.

161. The Reserve Bank has decided not to activate the CCyB framework as the current situation does not warrant such an action. What is B in CCyB?

- (a) Countercyclical capital Buffer
- (b) Countercyclical capital Balance
- (c) Countercyclical capital Bancassurance
- (d) Countercyclical capital Bond
- (e) Countercyclical capital Borrower

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank has decided not to activate the countercyclical capital buffer (CCyB) framework as the current situation does not warrant such an action.

The RBI in February 2005 had put in place CCyB guidelines with the overall objective of strengthening the banking sector.

It was envisaged that the CCyB would be activated as and when the circumstances warranted.

CCyB is the capital to be kept by a bank to meet business cycle related risks.

It is aimed to protect the banking sector against losses from changes in economic conditions. Banks may face difficulties in phases like recession when the loan amount doesn't return.

162. The Drugs Controller General of India has recently ordered the extension of validity of licence for regulated medical Licence for additional how many months?

- (a) 3 Months
- (b) 5 Months
- (c) 4 Months
- (d) 2 Months
- (e) 6 Months

Answer: E

In a bid to ensure continued access and easy import of CT Scan, X-Ray, MRI machines etc the Drugs Controller General (India) ordered extension of the validity of licence for additional six months, for those manufacturers who have already submitted their applications.

The union health ministry had earlier notified eight medical items-- all Implantable Medical Devices, CT scan equipment, MRI equipment, Defibrillators, PET Equipment, Dialysis Machine, X-Ray Machine and Bone marrow cell separator--to be regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act which was to come into effect from 1st April, 2021 under Medical Devices Rules 2017).

163. The National Cooperative Development Corporation has signed an MOU with which among the following IIT for the development of cooperatives, agriculture and allied sectors?

- (a) IIT Kharagpur
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Roorkee
- (d) IIT Kanpur
- (e) IIT Madras

Answer: A

IIT Kharagpur and the National Cooperative Development Corporation have signed an MoU for collaboration in areas pertaining to the development of cooperatives, agriculture and allied sectors.

The aim is also to foster a holistic approach towards sustainable development.

The MoU is an outcome of NCDC joining forces with the Agricultural and Food Engineering Department of IIT KGP so that relevant innovations could be disseminated to empower the rural sector through cooperatives and farmer producer organisations (FPOs).

The initiative will provide support towards 'Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organisation'.

164. Name the state which was recently appreciated by the Chief Justice of India for the Uniform civil code.

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Goa
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) TamilNadu

Answer: C

Chief Justice of India S A Bobde recently appreciated the uniform civil code in Goa, the only state to have one.

This brought the spotlight back on the UCC debate, although the Law Commission had concluded in 2018 that a UCC is neither desirable nor feasible. No expert committee on the lines of the Hindu Law Reforms Committee of 1941 has ever been constituted, nor has any blueprint for a UCC been prepared.

165. How much amount has been approximately approved by the central government for the Bangalore Metro Rail Project phases 2A and 2B?

- (a) 14781 Cr
- (b) 14785 Cr
- (c) 14787 Cr
- (d) 14780 Cr
- (e) 14788 Cr

Answer: E

The Centre approved the Bangalore Metro Rail Project phases 2A and 2B, Union minister Piyush Goyal said.

While the rail project phase 2A is between Central Silk Board Junction to K R Puram, phase 2B is between K R Puram to the airport via Hebbal Junction.

The total length of the project is 58.19 km.

The approval was given at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The total cost of completion of the project is Rs 14,788.101 crore.

166. Recently the cabinet has approved an exclusive subsidy policy for which among the following products through coal gasification route by Talcher Fertiliser Limited?

- (a) Phosphorous
- (b) Nitrogen
- (c) Ammonia
- (d) Urea
- (e) Sulphate

Answer: D

The cabinet approved an exclusive subsidy policy for urea produced through coal gasification route by Talcher Fertiliser Limited.

The decision will pave the way for using the country's vast coal reserve to produce urea.

“The project would improve availability of urea to farmers thereby reducing urea imports to the tune of 12.7 lakh tonnes per annum leading to savings in foreign exchange,” commerce minister Piyush Goyal said after the cabinet meeting.

The estimated cost of this first of its kind project in India is about Rs 13,277 crore, he added. Urea is a widely used fertiliser in India.

167. How much amount has been given as the insurance cover for frontline healthcare providers engaged in COVID-19 duty under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme?

- (a) ₹20 Lakh
- (b) ₹50 Lakh
- (c) ₹80 Lakh
- (d) ₹30 Lakh
- (e) ₹60 Lakh

Answer: B

Under its ₹50 lakh insurance scheme for frontline healthcare providers engaged in COVID-19 duty, payment has been made in 95 cases of death of such workers while 176 claims are being processed, the Union Health Ministry said.

He said payment has been made in 95 cases of deaths of frontline healthcare workers engaged in COVID-19 duty under the insurance scheme.

The ₹50-lakh insurance cover 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme for Health

Workers Fighting COVID-19' was announced on March 30 for a period of 90 days.

The scheme was further extended for another 180 days i.e. six months.

This central sector scheme provides an insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh to healthcare providers, including community health workers, who may have to be in direct contact and care of Covid-19 patients and therefore at a risk of being infected.

168. According to the UNFPA flagship State of World Population Report 2021 titled 'My Body is My Own', how much % of women are fully empowered to make choices over healthcare globally?

- (a) 55%
- (b) 51%
- (c) 60%
- (d) 58%
- (e) 50%

Answer: A

Nearly half the women from 57 developing countries do not have the right to make decisions regarding their bodies, including using contraception, seeking healthcare or even on their sexuality, according to the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) flagship State of World Population Report 2021 titled 'My Body is My Own' launched.

The report shows that in countries where data is available, only 55% of women are fully empowered to make choices over healthcare, contraception and the ability to say yes or no to sex.

It also highlights that only 75% of countries legally ensure full and equal access to contraception.

About United Nations Population Fund:

It is a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly and works as a sexual and reproductive health agency.

It was established as a trust fund in 1967 and began operations in 1969

169. Which country has ratified the world's largest free trade agreement of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership among the ASEAN member countries?

- (a) China
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Australia
- (e) Japan

Answer: C

Singapore formally ratified the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the world's largest free trade agreement, making it the first Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member state to do so.

All 10 members of ASEAN and other key partners, including Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, and South Korea, signed the world's largest free trade agreement at a RCEP leaders' summit last November.

India has opted out in 2019.

170. Which country has been elected to three key bodies of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council in April 2021?

- (a) Tajikistan
- (b) India
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) Japan
- (e) Kazakhstan

Answer: B

India has been elected to three key bodies of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council. These bodies are the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), Executive Board of UN Women, Executive Board of the World Food Programme.

CCPCJ, based in Vienna, acts as the principal policy-making body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

The CCPCJ has 40 member states that are elected by ECOSOC and is chaired by a Bureau, including one member per Regional Group.

171. As per the ICRA rating agency, India's GDP is expected to rise _____ % from its previous estimation 10-11%.

- (a) 10 – 10.5%
- (b) 11 - 12%
- (c) 9% - 10.5%
- (d) 10 – 10.25%
- (e) 11.50% - 12%

Answer: A

Domestic rating agency ICRA cut its 2021-22 growth estimate by 0.5 per cent on the upper end, as a newer spate of lockdowns and restrictions get imposed in pockets to arrest the rising COVID-19 cases.

The agency now expects the economy to grow 10-10.5 per cent in 2021-22, against the 10-11 per cent estimated earlier.

172. Bitex is the first Crypto currency exchange which issues the investment declaration reports for all its retail and institutional investors in compliance with the amendments made to the Companies Act 2013. Bitex is _____ country based crypto currency.

- (a) Ecuador
- (b) UAE
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Bulgaria
- (e) Bolivia

Answer: B

UAE based Global Cryptocurrency Exchange Bitex announced that it has commenced providing Investment Declaration Report for all its retail and institutional investors, becoming the first Exchange in India to comply with the recent amendments made to the Companies Act 2013 by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Earlier this month, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs had sought full disclosure of crypto transactions and holdings by companies making it mandatory for companies to declare cryptocurrency investments.

The Government has earlier also indicated that the income from cryptocurrency gains will be taxable under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

173. The World Homeopathy Awareness Week is celebrated annually between which of the following days?

- (a) April 11th -17th
- (b) April 13th -19th
- (c) April 14th -20th
- (d) April 10th -16th
- (e) April 12th -18th

Answer: D

World Homeopathy Awareness Week is celebrated annually between April 10th and April 16th.

Organised by the World Homeopathy Awareness Organisation, the week is a celebration of both homeopaths and those who have been healed with homeopathy.

The date of 10th April was chosen to mark the start of this event as it is the birthday of Dr Samuel Hahnemann, the German physician who is credited with creating homeopathy.

During the week, there are free public events held across the world, such as lectures, media interviews and free and reduced-price clinics.

174. Which among the following countries is not in the list of global winners of the ICC development awards for 2020?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Vanuatu

- (c) Argentina
- (d) Uganda
- (e) Zimbabwe

Answer: E

Argentina, Brazil, Uganda and Vanuatu were announced as the global winners of the ICC development awards for 2020.

The awards are given to members for working to grow cricket in emerging markets in partnership with the ICC across four categories

Following are the announcements across the four categories:

The global award for the ICC Development Initiative of the Year has been awarded to Cricket Argentina.

Cricket Brazil has been awarded the 100% Cricket Female Cricket Initiative of the Year.

The ICC Digital Fan Engagement of the Year has been awarded to Vanuatu Cricket.

The Uganda Cricket Association has won the Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Initiative of the Year.

175. April 21 has been celebrated as the Civil Services day to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressing the probationers of Administrative Services Officers while he served as _____ minister of independent India.

- (a) Finance Minister
- (b) Army Minister
- (c) Prime Minister
- (d) Home Minister
- (e) Navy Minister

Answer: D

The Government of India celebrates April 21 every year as 'Civil Services day' as an occasion for the civil servants to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizens and renew their commitments to public service and excellence in work.

This date is chosen to commemorate the day when first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi, he referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'.

The first such function was held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi 21 April 2006.

176. What is the name of the Neo bank that was created by Google Pay in partnership with Federal bank?

- (a) Gi
- (b) Ni
- (c) Oi
- (d) Di
- (e) Fi

Answer: E

Co-creators of Google Pay, Sujith Narayanan and SumitGwalani, are launching Fi, a neobank for salaried millennials in partnership with Federal Bank 1.47 %.

Fi has partnered with Federal Bank for a savings account that users can open in under three minutes, according to a press release.

Neobanks are virtual banks that work online and do not have physical branches.

Founded in 2019, Fi raised \$13.5 million in its seed round led by Sequoia India and Ribbit Capital.

177. The World Creativity and Innovation Day was celebrated every year on April 21. In which year, it was officially recognized?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2019
- (c) 2018
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2011

Answer: A

World Creativity and Innovation Day 2021 celebrates the creative economy that consists of audiovisual products, design, new media, performing arts, publishing and visual arts.

The creativity and innovation sector is a highly transformative sector of the world economy in terms of income generation, job creation and export earnings.

This year we're celebrating the day with the theme , Creative Economy for Sustainable Development. In 2017, the 21st of April was officially recognized by the UN as being the World Creativity and Innovation Day.

178. Dr KakarlaSubbaRao, who served as the first director of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) has passed away. He was conferred Padma Shri award in which year?

- (a) 2000
- (b) 2001

(c) 2004

(d) 2005

(e) 2006

Answer: A

Renowned radiologist, Dr KakarlaSubbaRao, who served as the first director of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, has passed away.

Rao was conferred Padma Shri in 2000, by the Government of India for his contributions to the field of medicine.

He was the founder president of the Telugu Association of North America (TANA), an umbrella organisation for Telugu speaking people in the United States.

179. The AP CM Jagan Mohan Reddy has released Rs 128.47 crore as interest subvention amount directly into savings accounts of Farmers under which of the following schemes?

- (a) YSR RythuBandan Scheme
- (b) YSR Free Crop Insurance scheme
- (c) YSR RythuNiti Scheme
- (d) YSR RythuBharosa Scheme
- (e) YSR Zero Interest Crop Loan Scheme

Answer: E

Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy released Rs 128.47 crore as interest subvention amount directly into savings accounts of 6,27,906 farmers who took crop loans of up to Rs 1 lakh during the 2019-20 Rabi season and repaid them in the stipulated time.

The amount was credited to their accounts under YSR Zero Interest Crop Loan Scheme

(SunnaVaddiPantaRunalu).

The amount (Rs 289 crore) for Kharif 2019-20 was already credited to the accounts of the farmers on previous occasions.

180. Idriss Déby has died recently following the clashes with rebels in the country. He was the president of which country?

- (a) Gabon
- (b) Chad
- (c) São Tomé & Príncipe
- (d) Equatorial Guinea
- (e) Cameroon

Answer: B

Chad's President IdrissDéby has died of his injuries following clashes with rebels in the north of the country at the weekend, the army has said.

The announcement came a day after provisional election results projected he would win a sixth term in office. Déby, 68, spent more than three decades in power and was one of Africa's longest-serving leaders.

181. Which of the following is the first mutual fund house in India to cross the ₹5 lakh crore average assets under management mark?

- (a) BNP Paribas Mutual Fund
- (b) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- (c) Reliance Mutual Fund
- (d) SBI Funds Management Ltd

(e) Kotak Mutual Fund

Answer: D

SBI Funds Management Pvt Ltd said that it has become the first mutual fund house in India to cross the ₹5 lakh crore average assets under management mark.

In the last one year, SBI MF's average AUM has grown to ₹5.04 lakh crore from ₹3.73 lakh crore, recording a growth of 35 % during the financial year 2020-21.

According to the company, the market share of the fund house has also grown from 13.82% to 15.71% during the last one year.

182. Which state's Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation has signed a memorandum of understanding with The World Trade Centre to promote and facilitate trade and investment?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Haryana

Answer: E

The Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the World Trade Center (WTC) to facilitate trade and investment in Faridabad.

Faridabad has been one of the prime areas of HSIIDC and is home for several e-manufacturing units.

The partnership with WTC will give a platform to HSIIDC and facilitate WTC Faridabad and investors through a single-window clearance system for the necessary application, sanctions, incentive and permissions as per the existing policies/rules and regulations of the state government for bringing investment in Haryana.

WTC Faridabad and HSIIDC have jointly initiated to facilitate mutually beneficial meets, webinars with leading investors from the developed countries, organise symposia, conferences and conventions at various times and locations.

WTC is planning to set up 'WTC Faridabad' in future.

183. Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno has been charged as a new leader of Chad after his father's death. He is the leader of how many members of the Transitional Military Council?

- (a) 15
- (b) 9
- (c) 12
- (d) 17
- (e) 11

Answer: A

Lt Gen Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno has been named as the new leader of Chad, after his father Idriss Déby was killed during a battle with rebel forces. Mahamat is now in charge of a 15-member Transitional

Military Council that will be in power for the next 18 months.

He has a reputation for discretion and shunning the limelight, unlike some of his half-brothers. However, he is a battle-hardened soldier like his father.

Mahamat, 37, is the same age as the late Déby was when he took power through a military coup in 1990.

184. As per the reports by World Economic Forum, which country has secured second position in the Energy Transition Index?

- (a) Denmark
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Norway
- (d) Abu Dhabi
- (e) Singapore

Answer: C

India has been ranked at the 87th position among 115 countries in the Energy Transition Index that tracks nations on the current performance of their energy systems across various aspects, according to a report.

The report from the World Economic Forum (WEF) released and prepared in collaboration with Accenture also draws on insights from ETI.

The top 10 countries in the index are Western and Northern European countries, and Sweden is in the first position followed by Norway (2nd) and Denmark (3rd).

185. Reserve Bank of India has issued a show-cause notice to SambandhFinserve Pvt Ltd before cancelling their licence. SambandhFinserve Pvt Ltd is _____ MFI based company.

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Assam
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer: A

Reserve Bank of India has issued a show-cause notice to fraud-hit SambandhFinserve Pvt Ltd, before cancelling its license.

According to an exclusive report, this happened after SambandhFinserve Pvt Ltd lost its network below the regulatory minimum and its financial situation worsened beyond redemption over the recent months

In October last year, a report by Brickwork Ratings said that the Odisha-based microfinance institution (MFI), SambandhFinserve, defaulted on some repayment obligations even as fraud was discovered at the lender.

186. Recently, two Rhinos were transported to the Manas National Park from which of the following Wildlife Sanctuaries?

- (a) Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary
- (b) Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary
- (c) Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary
- (e) Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: B

Two rhinos, one adult male and one female were released in the central part of the Bansbari range of Manas National Park, Assam.

The rhinos were transported from the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary maintaining strict security and veterinary surveillance protocol, MNP field director AmalChSarmah said.

187. The Conference of State Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has selected the CAG as its external auditor for how many years?

- (a) Five
- (b) Two
- (c) Four
- (d) Six
- (e) Three

Answer: E

India's Comptroller and Auditor General GC Murmu has been chosen as the external auditor by a prestigious intergovernmental organisation working for the elimination of chemical weapons.

The External Affairs Ministry said the Hague-based Conference of State Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons selected the CAG as its external auditor for a three-year term starting 2021.

188. Rekha M Menon is the first female to be appointed as the Chairperson of the National Association of Software and Services Companies.

She is the Chairperson and Senior Managing Director at which among the following company?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Accenture
- (c) L & T
- (d) TCS
- (e) Cognizant

Answer: B

The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) announced the appointment of Rekha M Menon, Chairperson and Senior Managing Director at Accenture in India as its Chairperson for 2021-22.

She is the first woman to take on the role in the association's 30-year history.

Rekha takes on the position from her previous role as Vice Chairperson, succeeding UB Pravin Rao, Chief Operating Officer, Infosys, who served as Chairman of Nasscom for the year 2020-21.

Nasscom also announced the appointment of Krishnan Ramanujam, President and Head of Business & Technology Services, Tata Consultancy Services as their Vice Chairperson for 2021-22.

189. Vedanta Ltd has introduced the Vedanta Saathi programme recently. The programme was launched by which among the following minister?

- (a) Minister of Coal and Mines
- (b) Minister of External Affairs
- (c) Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- (d) Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- (e) Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Answer: E

Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta Ltd has launched the Vedanta Saathi programme through which the company will be creating industrial parks and clusters for the Micro, Small and Medium enterprises in metals, mining and oil & gas space to aid with sourcing finances, raw material and provide R&D facilities.

Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, and Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, launched the programme in the presence of Anil Agarwal, Executive Chairman – Vedanta Resources Ltd.

190. Ola Electric has announced _____ crore investments for setting up its first electric scooter factory in Tamil Nadu.

- (a) ₹ 2100 Cr
- (b) ₹ 2700 Cr
- (c) ₹ 2400 Cr
- (d) ₹ 2600 Cr
- (e) ₹ 2200 Cr

Answer: C

Ola Electric said it will bring its electric scooter to the Indian market in July this year, and is working on setting up a 'Hypercharger Network' to include one lakh charging points across 400 cities.

Last year, Ola had announced a Rs 2,400 crore investment for setting up its first electric scooter factory in Tamil Nadu.

Upon completion, the factory will create nearly 10,000 jobs and will be the world's largest scooter

manufacturing facility that will initially have an annual capacity of 2 million units.

191. The Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 was recently held in Boao, China. This year marks _____ Anniversary.

- (a) 22nd
- (b) 20th
- (c) 18th
- (d) 23rd
- (e) 15th

Answer: B

The opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 was held in Boao, south China's Hainan Province.

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a keynote speech via video at the opening ceremony.

This year's conference, attended by more than 2,600 guests from over 60 countries and regions, is themed "A World in Change: Join Hands to Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation."

The forum, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, has not only played a unique role in pooling consensus and putting forward valuable "Boao proposals," but also engaged countries in addressing global issues and promoting world development and prosperity.

192. 'Form Based Codes' has developed for the development of railway land by which among the following?

- (a) Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation
- (b) High Speed Rail Corporation of India Limited
- (c) Rail India Technical and Economic Service
- (d) Container Corporation of India
- (e) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation

Answer: A

The Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited is developing a first-of-its-kind "Form Based Codes" for the development of railway land.

IRSDC, with support from Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, is developing Form Based Codes for designing and approval of layout plans as well as building plans for station areas that ensure a compact, pedestrian-friendly, market responsive, transit oriented, sustainable development.

Several stations across the country are being developed into world-class transit hubs; the first two being Habibganj in Madhya Pradesh and Gandhinagar in Gujarat.

193. As per the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking, the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is the only Indian university to place in the list. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has secured what position in the quality education category?

- (a) Eighth
- (b) Sixth
- (c) Seventh
- (d) Fifth

(e) Eleventh

Answer: D

The Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is the only Indian university to secure a rank amongst the top 100 in the third edition of Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking.

The varsity bagged the 81st position in the university rank list, which consists of 1240 universities from 98 countries and regions.

The rankings are evaluated on the universities' performances of the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has also scored fifth rank for 'quality education' and eight for 'gender equality' globally. In 'good health and well-being', the varsity got 37th position and for 'clean water and sanitation', it is at 52nd.

Previously, the university had its name in the 301-400 set of rankings.

194. An 'Infant Toddler and Caregiver-friendly Neighbourhoods Training and Capacity Building Programme' was launched virtually by NIUA. It comes under which ministry?

- (a) Minister of External Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (c) Minister of Health and Family Welfare
- (d) Minister of Rural Development
- (e) Minister of Home Affairs

Answer: B

An 'Infant Toddler and Caregiver-friendly Neighbourhoods (ITCN) Training and Capacity

Building Programme' was launched virtually by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) in partnership with Bernard van Leer Foundation (BvLF).

The programme is designed to help build capacities of city officials and young professionals for developing young children and family-friendly neighbourhoods within cities, said a press release issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

In addition, an academic certified course for young professionals has been planned to sensitize them about the needs of young citizens (0-5 years) in the city and to equip them with the adequate tools for the purpose.

195. The World Cities Cultural Forum invitation has been accepted by Chief Minister of Delhi. What is the 2021 theme of the World Cities Cultural Forum?

- (a) The Future of City
- (b) The Future of Attitude
- (c) The Future of Economy
- (d) The Future of Philosophy
- (e) The Future of Culture

Answer: E

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will be representing Delhi and India at the World Cities Cultural Forum (WCCF), according to a statement issued by the city government.

He has been invited by Sadiq Khan, the mayor of London, to participate in the forum that comprises 40 world cities, including London, Tokyo and New

York, that recognise the impact and importance of culture and creativity, and seek to inculcate these values in public policy and city planning.

This year's theme, 'The Future of Culture', will play a crucial role in re-imagining the culture of Delhi, especially in the wake of several devastating challenges and Covid-19 crisis faced by the people in the last one year," said.

196. The 3rd Counter-Terrorism Working Group was held recently at White River, South Africa. The 4th edition of CTWG is planned to be held in which country?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) UAE
- (c) Germany
- (d) Malaysia
- (e) Singapore

Answer: A

The two-day seminar was inaugurated by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla. BRICS member states in the 3rd Counter-Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) at White River, South Africa had agreed to establish five sub-working groups dedicated to enhance debates over specific challenges on the counter-terrorism front.

Thereafter, in the 4th CTWG meeting at Brasilia, India was given the Presidency of the sub-working group on "Misuse of Internet for Terrorist Purposes" for one year. NIA organised this two-day seminar while India is holding the Chairmanship of the BRICS for the year 2021.

197. The Chennai based Indian Overseas Bank has appointed whom among the following as its digital consultant to achieve the goal of increasing the share of digital services?

- (a) Boston Consulting Group
- (b) Ernst & Young
- (c) Horvath & Partners
- (d) Cordence Worldwide
- (e) Bain & Company

Answer: B

Indian Overseas Bank has appointed Ernst & Young as digital consultant to achieve the goal of increasing the share of digital services.

With this new initiative, the Bank is poised to attract Millennial customers who are tech-savvy.

The bank will now be confident of providing all customers a hassle free and seamless banking experience, said Partha Pratim Sengupta, Managing Director and CEO of IOB.

198. Indiabulls Housing Finance has partnered with HDFC Ltd to offer housing loans. As per the joint credit policy, how much % of the loan has been provided on the HDFC books?

- (a) 80%
- (b) 35%
- (c) 50%
- (d) 75%
- (e) 20%

Answer: A

Indiabulls Housing Finance and HDFC Ltd have signed a strategic co-lending partnership with HDFC Ltd to offer housing loans at competitive rates.

IBH will be originating retail home loans as per a joint credit policy and have 20 percent of loan on its books and 80% on HDFC books.

The servicing of loan will be done by Indiabulls Housing Finance for its entire cycle.

199. Care ratings has revised the GDP growth to 10.2% in the Financial Year 2022. It was its _____ revision in the last one month.

- (a) Second
- (b) First
- (c) Sixth
- (d) Fifth
- (e) Third

Answer: E

With economic activities getting affected across the country due to curbs imposed by states amid surge in COVID-19 cases, Care Ratings has revised down its forecast for GDP growth to 10.2 per cent in 2021-22 from earlier projection of 10.7-10.9 per cent.

This is the third revision by the rating agency in the last one month. On March 24, 2021, the agency had projected GDP growth between 11-11.2 percent based on GVA (gross value added) growth of 10.2 per cent.

200. Ace Money Neobank has launched by the Kerala based AcewareFinTech Services in partnership with Yes bank along with _____.

- (a) DBS Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) SBM Bank
- (e) HDFC Bank

Answer: C

AcewareFinTech Services, a fintech services company based out of Kerala, launched the state's first neobank, Ace Money Neobank, in partnership with Yes Bank and ICICI Bank.

In the first phase, startups, traders and business entities can open current accounts with the neobank, according to the company.

Neobank is a kind of virtual bank that operates without any physical branches. Neobanks mainly target customers who make financial transactions using mobile applications and other digital media platforms.

April 4th week Current Affairs MCQ

1. President Ramnath Kovind has administered the oath of office to Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana as the Chief Justice of India. He is the _____

Chief Justice of India.

- (a) 46th
- (b) 48th
- (c) 49th
- (d) 47th
- (e) 45th

Answer: B

Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana was sworn in as the 48th Chief Justice of India by President Ram Nath Kovind.

He took the oath at a brief ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Vice president M. Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and law minister Ravi Shankar Prasad were among those present at the ceremony. Justice Ramana will have a tenure of one year and 4 months as CJI and will demit office on August 26, 2022.

After Justice K. Subba Rao, Justice Ramana is the second CJI from Andhra Pradesh.

2. How many Gold medals have been won by Indian women boxers at the World Youth Boxing championships held in Poland?

- (a) Five
- (b) Ten
- (c) Six

(d) Four

(e) Seven

Answer: E

In the World Youth Boxing championships, Indian women boxers put up sensational performances as they created history with seven gold medals in Kielce, Poland.

All the women finalists Gitika,

Naorem Babyrojisana Chanu, Poonam, Vinka, Arundhati Choudhary, T Sanamacha Chanu and Alfiya Pathan registered their wins and finished on the top of the podium.

Their previous best effort at the youth world meet was five golds in the 2017 edition in Guwahati.

This is the best ever tally recorded by the Indian boxers at the event, surpassing the 10 medal-haul from the 2018 edition.

India had sent a 20-member team to Poland for the tournament.

The 10-day biennial event saw 414 boxers from 52 countries participating.

3. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the US-India partnership for which of the following purpose?

- (a) Clean Energy
- (b) Trade Cooperation
- (c) Climate Change
- (d) Both A & B
- (e) Both A & C

Answer: E

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India and the U.S. were launching an energy and climate partnership during U.S. President Joe Biden's Leaders' Summit on Climate, a two-day gathering that included 40 heads of state and government.

The Prime Minister said, India's ambitious renewable energy target of 450 Gigawatts by 2030 shows our commitment.

It also seeks to have 40% of power generated from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030.

It is targeting a 2030 GDP emissions intensity (i.e., volume of emissions per unit of GDP) that is 33%-35% below 2005 levels.

4. The RBI has restricted American Express Banking Corp and Diners Club International from on-boarding new domestic customers from May 1. This action has been taken under what section of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007?

- (a) Section 7
- (b) Section 27
- (c) Section 12
- (d) Section 17
- (e) Section 10

Answer: D

The Reserve Bank has restricted American Express Banking Corp and Diners Club International Ltd from on-boarding new domestic customers onto their card networks from May 1 for violating data storage norms.

The order will not impact the existing customers of these two entities, the central bank said in a statement. The supervisory action, it added, has been taken in exercise of powers vested in RBI under Section 17 of the PSS Act.

American Express and Diners Club are Payment System Operators authorised to operate Card Networks in the country under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act).

5. The National Panchayati Raj Day is recognised every year on April 24. This day was first declared by whom among the following?

- (a) Manmohan Singh
- (b) APJ Abdul Kalam
- (c) Soniya Gandhi
- (d) Lal Krishna Advani
- (e) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Answer: A

April 24 has been recognised as National Panchayati Raj Day every year.

The annual celebration is done to commemorate the day on which the 73rd Constitutional Amendment was passed in 1992.

The act came into effect on April 24, 1993.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had declared the first National Panchayati Raj Day on 24 April in the year 2010.

National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated to mark the inception of decentralised power.

A committee was formed in 1957 to focus on the evolution of Panchayati Raj in the country.

The chairman of the committee was Balwantrai Mehta.

6. The US has recently joined the global Leadership Group for Industry Transition 'LeadIT'. LeadIT was launched together by which of the following countries?

- (a) India & Denmark
- (b) India & Abu Dhabi
- (c) India & Singapore
- (d) India & Dubai
- (e) India & Sweden

Answer: E

The United States has joined the global Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT), which was launched by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Swedish counterpart Stefan Lofven at the UNSG Climate Action Summit in New York in 2019. LeadIT is aimed at driving climate change in heavy and energy-intensive industries.

The announcement was made by US President Joe Biden at the Climate Summit 2021, an official statement issued by the Embassy of Sweden said.

7. Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank's licence has been recently cancelled by RBI. This Bank is situated in which city?

- (a) Bhubaneswar
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Amravati
- (d) Vijayawada
- (e) Mysore

Answer: C

The RBI has cancelled the licence of Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank Limited (Amravati), as the lender does not have adequate capital and will be unable to pay its present depositors in full.

On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive a deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh from DICGC, subject to the provisions of the DICGC Act, 1961.

Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank Limited, Warud, ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business.

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently launched the 'SWAMITVA scheme'. This Scheme is about the _____

- (a) Distribution of e-ration cards
- (b) Distribution of e-licence cards
- (c) Distribution of e-bus Pass cards
- (d) Distribution of e-property cards
- (e) Distribution of e-degree cards

Answer: D

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the distribution of e-property cards under the 'SWAMITVA scheme', according to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

As many as 4.09 lakh property owners will be given their e-property cards on National Panchayati Raj Day (April 24), which will also mark the rolling out of

the SVAMITVA scheme for implementation across the country.

About SVAMITVA Scheme:

The SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) scheme was launched by the prime minister on April 24, 2020

It paves the way for using the property as a financial asset by villagers for availing loans and other financial benefits.

The **Scheme** will cover around 6.62 Lakh villages of the entire country during 2021-2025.

9. HDFC Bank has recently appointed the former Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty as the _____ of their bank.

- (a) Managing Director
- (b) COO
- (c) Board Member
- (d) CEO
- (e) Chairman

Answer: E

Reserve Bank has approved the appointment of former Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty as the part-time chairman of the HDFC bank.

Atanu Chakraborty has been appointed for a period of three years with effect from May 5, 2021 or the date of his taking charge, whichever is later.

Chakraborty, a 1985 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre, retired as Secretary of Department of Economic Affairs in April 2020.

Prior to that, he was Secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM). Once he is appointed as chairperson, HDFC Bank will be the second private sector lender to have a former bureaucrat at the post after ICICI Bank.

10. The PM Narendra Modi has conferred National Panchayat Awards 2021 to how many gram panchayats under Child-friendly Gram Panchayat category?

- (a) 30
- (b) 224
- (c) 12
- (d) 29
- (e) 25

Answer: A

The National Panchayat Awards 2021 was conferred by the PM.

The prime minister will transfer the award money (as grants-in-aid) through the click of a button, ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 50 lakh.

The amount will be directly transferred to the bank account of the Panchayats concerned in real-time. This is being done for the first time.

The National Panchayat Awards 2021 are being conferred under the following categories –

- Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar to 224 panchayats
- Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar to 30 gram panchayats

- Gram Panchayat Development Plan Award to 29 gram panchayats
- Child-friendly Gram Panchayat Award to 30 Gram Panchayats and
- e-PanchayatPuraskar to 12 states

11. India Ratings and Research has revised India's GDP growth for FY 22 to 10.1%. What is the earlier GDP projection for India's Financial Year of 2021-22?

- (a) 10.2%
- (b) 10.4%
- (c) 10.6%
- (d) 10.0%
- (e) 10.5%

Answer: B

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has revised downwards the GDP growth forecast of India in FY22 (2021-22) to 10.1 per cent.

Earlier Ind-Ra estimated this at 10.4 per cent.

The downward revision is due to the second wave of COVID-19 infections and the slower pace of vaccination.

For FY21 (2020-21), the economy is estimated to have contracted by 7.6 per cent.

Ind-Ra is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Fitch Group.

12. Rajasthan has planned to provide how much Tap water connections by March next year under JalJeevan Mission?

- (a) 20 Lakh

- (b) 70 Lakh
- (c) 10 Lakh
- (d) 30 Lakh
- (e) 40 Lakh

Answer: D

Rajasthan has planned to provide 30 lakh Tap water connections by March next year under JalJeevan Mission.

The state has more than one crore rural households, out of which over 19 per cent are getting tap water supply.

In 2020-21, about six lakh 77 thousand new tap connections were provided in the rural areas.

In the previous financial year two thousand 522 crore rupees Central funds were allocated to the State under the mission.

The Ministry said, in the current financial year, Rajasthan is likely to get five thousand 500 Crore rupees as Central fund.

13. What is the 2021 theme of World Malaria day, observed every year on April 25?

- (a) Zero malaria starts with me
- (b) Ready to Beat Malaria
- (c) Reaching the zero malaria target
- (d) Invest in the future: defeat malaria
- (e) End Malaria for Good

Answer: C

World Malaria Day is annually observed on April 25 to raise awareness of the global effort to control and ultimately eradicate malaria.

The idea of World Malaria Day was developed from Africa Malaria Day.

The Africa Malaria day is basically an event that has been observed by African governments since 2001, first held in 2008.

The theme of World Malaria Day 2021 is "Reaching the zero malaria target."

World Malaria Day 2021 will unify and build on the 'Zero Malaria Starts with Me' movement and the 'Draw the Line Against Malaria' youth focused campaign.

14. The PM Narendra Modi has conferred National Panchayat Awards 2021 to how many panchayats under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar?

- (a) 30
- (b) 12
- (c) 06
- (d) 224
- (e) 29

Answer: D

The National Panchayat Awards 2021 was conferred by PM Modi.

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15. The 3 day 'Varuna-2021' naval exercise was held between India and France. This was the _____ edition.

- (a) 20th
- (b) 22nd
- (c) 15th
- (d) 21st
- (e) 19th

Answer:

India and France have concluded the three-day 'Varuna-2021' naval exercise in the Arabian Sea.

The 19th edition of the bilateral 'Varuna-2021' exercise involved a variety of drills, including advanced air defence and anti-submarine exercises, fixed and rotary wing flying operations, and tactical manoeuvres.

Aimed at improving interoperability and enhancing war fighting capabilities, the exercise commenced on 25 April and ended on 27 April.

The Indian side was represented by guided missile stealth destroyer INS Kolkata, guided missile frigates INS Tarkash and INS Talwar, fleet support ship INS Deepak, with Seaking 42B and Chetak integral helicopters.

Additionally, the Indian Navy has deployed a Kalvari class submarine and P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

16. The Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021 was awarded to Rumana Sinha Sehgal, a social entrepreneur. She was a _____ by profession.

- (a) Software Engineer
- (b) Civil Engineer
- (c) Electrical Engineer
- (d) Aeronautical Engineer
- (e) Marine Engineer

Answer: A

Software-engineer turned social entrepreneur, Rumana Sinha Sehgal has been awarded the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021' by the Diplomatic Mission Global Peace earlier this month.

She was virtually awarded for her contribution to the field of developing innovative and functional green products by recycling varied materials and non-biodegradable materials.

The proud Hyderabadi is also the recipient of the Nationwide Award -under 50- Business Leader 2021 for social entrepreneurship by Business Mint.

At the Influencer Summit in January this year, she also received the 'International Influencer of the year 2021'.

She was also crowned as the 'Mrs Universe Successful 2018'.

17. India became the fastest country to administer 14 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccine in how many days?

- (a) 85 days
- (b) 99 days
- (c) 111 days
- (d) 119 days
- (e) 101 days

Answer: B

India has become the fastest country to administer 14 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccine in just 99 days, as per the statement from the Union ministry of health and family welfare.

The ministry said that the country has administered more than 24 lakh vaccine doses till 8 pm on April 24.

18. April 25 has been observed as International Delegate's Day. Which organisation has first observed the day?

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) WTO
- (c) WHO
- (d) UNSC
- (e) UNGA

Answer: E

International Delegate's Day is observed on 25 April. The day aims to raise awareness of the role of the representatives and delegates of the Member States to the United Nations.

The UN comprises 193 Member States and serves as the main international venue for collective dialogue between the delegates of its Member States.

On 2 April 2019, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed 25 April as International Delegate's Day.

19. The RBI has relaxed the dividend payout norms of commercial banks and allowed them to pay up to 50 per cent of the profits. Which of the following banks has not decided to pay any dividend on the basis of the previous year's RBI directive?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Indian Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Punjab National Bank
- (e) Bank of Baroda

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) relaxed the dividend payout norms of commercial banks and allowed them to pay up to 50 per cent of what they paid before Covid from the profits for the fiscal ended March 31, 2021.

For FY20, the RBI had asked banks not to make any dividend payment on equity shares from the profits in view of the ongoing stress and heightened uncertainty on account of Covid-19.

HDFC Bank had decided not to pay any dividend on the basis of the previous year's RBI directive.

20. Which among the following has revised India's GDP to 10.4 % for the Financial Year 2022 from 11% in April 2021?

- (a) S & P
- (b) India Ratings
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) ICRA
- (e) Reserve Bank of India

Answer: C

The State Bank of India (SBI) Research has revised India's GDP growth rate for FY 22 (2021-22) to 10.4%.

Earlier it estimated this at 11%.

The downward projection has been taken in view of the increasing COVID-19 related curbs across states.

21. 'Climate Change Explained – for one and all' is a book released on the Earth Day. The book has been written by whom among the following?

- (a) VaniDupia
- (b) Nelson Wilfred
- (c) C.N.Bhatia
- (d) Carl Peter
- (e) AakashRanison

Answer: E

A new e-book explains the impact of climate change and aims to motivate readers to reduce its outcome with the help of simple sustainable solutions.

“Climate Change Explained – for one and all”, released on the occasion of Earth Day, is written by climate activist-author AakashRanison.

A mix of facts, data, and information about climate change, it picks topics like “Greenhouse effect, global warming, Carbon footprint” and talks about their effects on earth in the near future.

22. Which among the following IIT has launched the STEM women scholars' and researchers' development initiative focussed on mentoring women PhD research scholars at all levels?

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Kharagpur
- (c) IIT Bombay
- (d) IIT Raipur
- (e) IIT Delhi

Answer: A

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, has launched the STEM women scholars' and researchers' development (STEWARD) initiative.

It is an initiative to mentor women research scholars at all levels.

Under the programme, present PhD scholars at IIT Madras are connected with the alumni working in similar domains.

The mentees receive daily guidance and mentorship to determine their path while pursuing research.

It introduces them to role models in their domain and allows them to receive emotional and professional support.

23. The World Health Organization has planned to end malaria in how many more countries on the Cusp of Disease Elimination by 2025?

- (a) 29
- (b) 30
- (c) 21
- (d) 25
- (e) 17

Answer: D

The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched a plan to halt the transmission of malaria in 25 more countries by 2025, ahead of World Malaria Day on April 25.

Through an initiative launched in 2017, the WHO said it had supported 21 countries in their efforts to bring their malaria caseloads to zero by 2020.

These countries will receive specialized support and technical guidance as they work towards the target of zero malaria

Eight countries, including China, Iran and Paraguay, succeeded in reporting zero indigenous human cases by 2020.

The new group of countries aiming to do so by 2025 includes Thailand, South Africa and Saudi Arabia.

24. Mohan M Shantanagoudar has passed away recently. What was his Profession?

- (a) Cardiologist
- (b) Singer
- (c) Oncologist
- (d) Supreme Court Judge

(e) Meteorologist

Answer: D

Supreme Court judge Justice Mohan M

Shantanagoudar passed away recently due to a lung infection.

He was the ninth senior most judge of the Supreme Court.

Justice Shantanagoudar was specialised in Civil, Criminal and Constitutional matters.

Among other offices, Justice Shantanagoudar had served as State Public Prosecutor of Karnataka from 1999 to 2002.

He was appointed permanent judge of the Karnataka High Court in September 2004.

He was appointed Chief Justice of Kerala High Court in 2016 and was elevated to the Supreme Court on February 17, 2017 and was scheduled to retire only on May 4, 2023.

25. Which among the following has been celebrated every year in the last week of April?

- (a) World Immunization Week
- (b) World Breastfeeding Week
- (c) National Road Safety Week
- (d) National Nutrition Week
- (e) Wildlife Week

Answer: A

World Immunization Week is celebrated every year in the last week of April.

This year the week falls between April 24 to April 30.

It aims to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease.

Immunization saves millions of lives every year and is widely recognized as one of the world's most successful health interventions.

Using the theme 'Vaccines bring us closer', World Immunization Week 2021 will urge greater engagement around immunization globally to promote the importance of vaccination in bringing people together, and improving the health and wellbeing of everyone, everywhere throughout life.

26. Nepal has built the infrastructures of how many Educational Institutions in Palpa with the financial Assistance of India?

- (a) 5
- (b) 3
- (c) 2
- (d) 4
- (e) 6

Answer: B

India with Financial Assistance of Nepalese Rupees has built infrastructures of 3 Educational Institutions in Palpa, Nepal.

The 3 educational institutes are:

- Shree Rambha Higher Secondary School at Tahun VDC, Palpa District.
- Shree Laxmi Higher Secondary School at Tansen -5, BandiPokhara, Palpa District.
- Shree Nava Adarsha Multiple Campus in Palpa District.

On 22nd and 23rd April 2021, newly constructed buildings of Shree Rambha Higher Secondary School, Shree Laxmi Higher Secondary School and

Shree Nava Adarsha Multiple Campus respectively, built with Government of India's financial assistance of NRs. 98.37 Million, were virtually inaugurated by Shri Karun Bansal, First Secretary (DP&R) of the Embassy of India, Kathmandu, District Coordination Committee, Palpa and School Management Committee and local representatives

In addition to the above the Embassy of India has gifted 12 ambulances and 2 buses to various health posts, NGO and educational institutes in Palpa District.

27. How many Liquid Oxygen Medical tankers have been transported from Visakhapatnam to Nagpur on April 23, 2021?

- (a) Six
- (b) Seven
- (c) Ten
- (d) Eight
- (e) Five

Answer: B

The first Oxygen Express carrying seven tankers filled with liquid medical oxygen from Visakhapatnam reached Maharashtra on April 23, 2021.

Oxygen Express through Ro-Ro service from Visakhapatnam steel plant siding with 7 Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) tankers arrived at Nagpur station in Maharashtra.

The oxygen has been filled in seven cryogenic tankers, each with a capacity of 15-20 tonnes of liquid oxygen.

3 tankers will be unloaded at Nagpur station and remaining will be unloaded at Nasik Road station in Maharashtra.

28. The TCIL has partnered with NTT of which country to cooperate in the areas of fifth generation (5G) technology, Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, and submarine cable systems?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) China
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Japan
- (e) Russia

Answer: D

Japanese telecom company NTT and India's Telecommunications Consultants of India Limited (TCIL) have come together to cooperate in the areas of fifth generation (5G) technology, Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, and submarine cable systems. The two-year long extendable deal with NTT Advanced Technologies would enable both companies to co-provide services in the telecom, networking, information, and related applications to their customers.

With this partnership, TCIL would be able to leverage Tokyo-based NTT's system integration, networking and product management expertise within the country and other overseas initiatives through local partner Virgo Corporation.

29. ArunNigavekar has passed away recently. He was the former Vice- chancellor of which of the following Universities?

- (a) Pune VidhyarthiGriha's College of Engineering and Technology
- (b) Symbiosis International University
- (c) MKSSS's Cummins College of Engineering for Women
- (d) Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute
- (e) SavitribaiPhule Pune University

Answer: E

ArunNigavekar, former chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and former vice-chancellor of the SavitribaiPhule Pune University (SPPU), passed away in Pune recently.

He was 79-year-old and passed away due to a prolonged illness.

Nigavekar was an eminent physicist. From 1998 to 2000 he worked as vice-chancellor at SPPU, then Pune University.

After that he went to become vice-chairman, and then chairman, of UGC between 2000 and 2005.

30. The defence ministry has planned to airlift 23 mobile oxygen generation plants from which of the following countries under an acute shortage of medical oxygen due to a massive surge in coronavirus cases?

- (a) Russia
- (b) US
- (c) Saudi Arabia

- (d) Germany
- (e) US

Answer: D

The defence ministry decided to airlift 23 mobile oxygen generating plants from Germany as several states reeled under an acute shortage of medical oxygen due to a massive surge in coronavirus cases, officials said.

They said each plant will have a capacity to produce 40 litres of oxygen per minute and 2,400 litres every hour.

The plants will be deployed in the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) hospitals treating COVID-19 patients," Principal Spokesperson in the Defence Ministry A Bharat BhushanBabu said.

31. The first Power Purchase Agreement for the sale of how much MW solar power has been signed between Coal India Limited and the Gujarat UrjaVikas Nigam Ltd?

- (a) 100 MW
- (b) 300 MW
- (c) 150 MW
- (d) 250 MW
- (e) 200 MW

Answer: A

Coal India Limited has announced that it has signed its very first Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the sale of 100 MW of solar power to the Gujarat UrjaVikas Nigam Ltd (GUVNL).

The state-backed coal mining and refining entity has signed a 25-year agreement with the Gujarat utility. The firm also stated that with a capital investment of Rs 442 crores, it will execute the 100 MW project which it had won in March in the tender auctions conducted by GUVNL, through a solar EPC contractor.

32. During the 5th session of the CCSCH, it has finalised and recommended the quality standards for four spices. Which of the spices is not among the list?

- (a) Oregano
- (b) Cardamom
- (c) Ginger
- (d) Basil
- (e) Cloves

Answer: B

The 5th Session of Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) was held virtually from April 20-29, 2021.

It was inaugurated by Rita Teatota, Chairperson of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

The Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) has finalised and recommended quality standards for four spices; cloves, oregano, basil, and ginger, during its fifth session held virtually from 20th -29th April 2021.

In its past four sessions, the committee developed and finalized standards for four spices, viz. dried or

dehydrated forms of black/white/green pepper, cumin, thyme, and garlic.

About CCSCH:

CCSCH was established under Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) in 2013.

Dr M.R. Sudharshan is the current Chairman of CCSCH.

The Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) is an intergovernmental body established in 1963 jointly by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO).

33. What is the theme of the World Intellectual Property Day, celebrated annually on April 26th?

- (a) Innovate for a Green Future
- (b) Powering change: Women in innovation and creativity
- (c) Innovation – Improving Lives
- (d) Reach for Gold: IP and Sports
- (e) Intellectual property and small businesses: Taking big ideas to market.

Answer: E

World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated annually on 26 April.

Events organized to mark the Day seek to inform about the role of intellectual property rights in encouraging innovation and creativity.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Intellectual property and small businesses: Taking big ideas to market."

The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000.

26 April was chosen as the date for World Intellectual Property Day because it coincides with the date on which the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization entered into force in 1970.

34. United Nations International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day is annually observed across the globe on 26th April. This year 2021 marks the _____ anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant.

- (a) 29th
- (b) 33rd
- (c) 35th
- (d) 21st
- (e) 24th

Answer: C

The United Nations International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day is annually observed across the globe on 26th April to mark the anniversary of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster.

The day aims to create awareness about the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and risks of nuclear energy.

26 April 2021, marks the 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster.

The 1986 nuclear disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant near the city of Pripyat in northern Ukraine is often described as the worst nuclear accident in history.

The first International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day was observed on 26th April, 2017 by the United Nations General Assembly.

35. Nomadland has won awards in best picture, director and actress category at Academy Awards. This year marks _____ edition of Academy Awards.

- (a) 90th
- (b) 99th
- (c) 97th
- (d) 93rd
- (e) 91st

Answer: D

The 93rd Academy Awards were held on April 25.

The ceremony was broadcast from two locations in Los Angeles, The Dolby Theatre and Union Station. Nomadland won big at the Oscars as it won the Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actress awards. Anthony Hopkins won the Best Actor for The Father. David Fincher's Mank, which led the way with 10 nominations, took home awards for cinematography and production design.

The Oscars also honored Daniel Kaluuya ("Judas and the Black Messiah") for best supporting actor, and Yuh-jungYoun ("Minari") took home best supporting actress.

36. Which among the following high courts has slammed the Election Commission of India for

allowing political rallies during a deadly second wave of Covid-19?

- (a) Calcutta High Court
- (b) Madras High Court
- (c) Maharashtra High Court
- (d) Kerala High Court
- (e) Chhattisgarh High Court

Answer: B

The Madras High Court slammed the Election Commission of India for allowing political rallies during a deadly second wave of Covid-19.

The EC is singularly responsible for the second wave of Covid-19 by not stopping political parties from holding election rallies, Madras HC Chief Justice Sanjib Bannerjee said as he reprimanded the poll body.

The Madras HC also observed that the Election Commission officials should be booked for murder.

The Madras High Court directed the Election Commission of India and Tamil Nadu Chief Election Officer to consult with the Health Secretary and draft a Covid-19 protocol for the counting day and submit the same on April 30.

37. PtRajan Mishra has passed away recently. He was a renowned Vocalist of which among the following?

- (a) Hindustani
- (b) Marathi
- (c) Gujarati

- (d) Bhojpuri
- (e) Bengali

Answer: A

Renowned Hindustani classical vocalist PtRajan Mishra died due to COVID-19 complications.

He was 70.

Belonging to the Benarasgharana, PanditRajan Mishra, along with brother Sajan Mishra have performed for both Indian and global audiences for decades now.

Renowned vocalists in the khyal style of Indian classical singing, the brothers have been honoured by the Padma Bhushan award, the SangeetNatakAkademi award and the Gandharva National award in their meritorious career.

38. Amazon India has partnered with many other partners to urgently airlift over 8,000 oxygen concentrators and how many BiPAP machines from Singapore?

- (a) 450
- (b) 600
- (c) 550
- (d) 650
- (e) 500

Answer: E

The e-commerce giant has joined hands with ACT Grants, Temasek Foundation and Pune Platform for Covid-19 Response to airlift over 8000 oxygen

concentrators and 500 BiPAP machines from Singapore.

The medical equipment will be donated to hospitals and public institutions to augment their capacity to help Covid-19 infected patients across multiple cities.

Jeff Bezos-led Amazon will bear the cost of airlifting these oxygen concentrators and BiPAP machines, procured through multiple funders including ACT Grants and PPCR [anchored in the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industries & Agriculture (MCCIA)], from Singapore to India, through Air India and other international carriers.

Additionally, Amazon India is also procuring over 1,500 oxygen concentrators and other critical medical equipment.

39. The 12th Barcelona Open title has won by Rafael Nadal after defeating whom among the following?

- (a) Novak Djokovic
- (b) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- (c) Roger Federer
- (d) Dominic Thiem
- (e) Andy Murray

Answer: B

Rafael Nadal beat Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 to win his 12th Barcelona Open title.

It was Nadal's 87th career title, and his 61st title on clay.

This is the second tournament where Nadal has captured 12 or more titles.

The 13-time Roland Garros champion will return to No. 2 in the FedEx ATP Rankings.

40. Which of the following companies has announced a new impact-driven Positive Agriculture ambition to spread regenerative farming practices across 7 million acres?

- (a) Coca-Cola
- (b) Red Bull
- (c) HUL
- (d) PepsiCo
- (e) Kellogg's

Answer: D

PepsiCo, Inc announced a new, impact-driven Positive Agriculture ambition, anchored by a goal to spread regenerative farming practices across 7 million acres, approximately equal to its entire agricultural footprint.

As part of its Positive Agriculture initiative, PepsiCo aims to source crops and ingredients in a way that accelerates regenerative agriculture and strengthens farming communities.

It also plans to continue its collaboration with farmers across 60 countries to adopt practices that build resilience and improve and restore ecosystems.

The company estimates the effort will eliminate at least 3 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions by the end of the decade.

Additional 2030 goals within the agenda include improving the livelihoods of more than 250,000

people in its agricultural supply chain and sustainably sourcing 100% of its key ingredients. PepsiCo is chairman and CEO Ramon Laguarta .

41. JagdishKhattar has passed away recently. He was the former Managing Director of which of the following companies?

- (a) Hyundai
- (b) Maruti
- (c) Yamaha
- (d) Ford
- (e) Volkswagen

Answer: B

JagdishKhattar, the former managing director of MarutiUdyog (Maruti Suzuki India Ltd), breathed his last on Monday.

He was 78. Khattar, an IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, had joined Maruti as an officer on special duty (OSD) in 1992 and became its director of sales and marketing operations.

In 1999, he was promoted as the joint managing director of the company at a time when Maruti was dealing with several problems.

42. The DRDO has developed single crystal blades which have been used in the Helicopter Engines.It has supplied how many blades to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited?

- (a) 60
- (b) 100
- (c) 75
- (d) 99

(e) 87

Answer: A

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed single-crystal blades technology and supplied 60 of these blades to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) as part of their indigenous helicopter development program for helicopter engine application.

It is part of a program taken up by Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL), a premium laboratory of DRDO, to develop five sets, i.e. 300 blades of single-crystal high-pressure turbine (HPT) blades using a nickel-based superalloy.

The supply of the remaining four sets will be completed in due course.

Single crystal blades -- having complex shape and geometry -- are manufactured out of nickel-based superalloys that are capable of withstanding high temperatures, it noted.

43. AmitPanghalhas won a Bronze medal at the Governor's Cup in St. Petersburg, Russia after losing to which Country?

- (a) Kyrgyzstan
- (b) Russia
- (c) Uzbekistan
- (d) Malaysia
- (e) Turkmenistan

Answer: C

Olympic-bound Indian boxer AmitPanghal (52kg) settled for a bronze medal at the Governor's Cup in

St. Petersburg, Russia after going down to world champion and familiar foe Shakhobidin Zoirov in the semifinals.

Amit, a world championship silver-medallist, lost 5-0 to the Uzbek, who is also the reigning Olympic champion.

This was the Indian's second loss to Zoirov after the 2019 world championships. In that event, he lost to Zoirov in the finals.

Both boxers are bound for the Tokyo Games, to be held in July-August.

44. Ajay Seth has been appointed in the central bank's board. He is the secretary of which among the following department?

- (a) Department of Expenditure
- (b) Department of Financial Services
- (c) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management
- (d) Department of Revenue
- (e) Department of Economic Affairs

Answer: E

The Central Government has appointed Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth on the central bank's board.

Seth replaces Tarun Bajaj, who was appointed as Revenue Secretary earlier this month.

A 1987-batch Karnataka cadre IAS officer, Seth assumed charge of the Department of Economic Affairs from April, 24 2021

45. The Tianwen-1 spacecraft with its lander and rover named Zhurong has been launched by China to the Red planet. What is the Meaning of Zhurong in Chinese language?

- (a) Ring of fire
- (b) Dragon of fire
- (c) Sun of fire
- (d) God of fire
- (e) Moon of fire

Answer: D

China's Tianwen-1 spacecraft, in orbit around the red planet, has dropped its lander and rover — named Zhurong after a Chinese god of fire — completing the most perilous stage of its ten-month mission.

According to Chinese state news agency Xinhua, an entry capsule enclosing the vehicles separated from the orbiter at about 4 a.m. Beijing time on 15 May.

After several hours, it entered Mars's atmosphere at an altitude of 125 kilometres.

The rover, weighs 240 kilograms, can last three Martian months, about 92 days on Earth.

46. The BRO said that the Project DANTAK has completed its Diamond Jubilee on April 24 in which Country?

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Maldives
- (d) Bangladesh
- (e) Vietnam

Answer: A

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) said that one of its oldest projects -- DANTAK commemorated its Diamond Jubilee on April 24 in Bhutan.

According to a statement issued by the BRO, Indian Ambassador to Bhutan Ruchira Kamboj laid a floral wreath at the DANTAK Memorial in Bhutan's Simtokha on April 24.

Along with the Indian Ambassador, Major General Sanjeev Chauhan, Commandant IMTRAT and Chief Engineer DANTAK, Brig Kabir Kashyap also paid their respects at the Memorial.

Project DANTAK was established on April 24, 1961 as a result of the visionary leadership of His Majesty the Third King and then Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru.

DANTAK was tasked to construct the pioneering motorable roads in the kingdom.

Over 1200 DANTAK personnel laid down their lives while constructing important infrastructure in Bhutan.

47. What is the maximum age limit for chairman and non-executive directors of the Banks that has been fixed by the Reserve Bank of India?

- (a) 70 Years
- (b) 73 Years
- (c) 77 Years
- (d) 72 Years
- (e) 75 Years

Answer: E

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) capped the tenure of MD, CEO and whole-time director (WTD) of

private sector banks at 15 years and said the upper age limit for these posts will be 70 years.

The maximum age limit for chairman and non-executive directors (NED) has been fixed at 75 years.

The total tenure of an NED, continuously or otherwise, on the board of a **bank**, shall **not** exceed eight years.

The RBI directives also stipulate that the fixed remuneration for an NED, other than the chair of the board, shall not exceed Rs 20 lakh per annum.

48. The tiny object called "The Unicorn" which is the closest known black hole to Earth has been discovered by Astronomers. What is the distance between the earth and the Unicorn (in light years)?

- (a) 1500
- (b) 2500
- (c) 3000
- (d) 2000
- (e) 1000

Answer: A

Astronomers have apparently found the closest known black hole to Earth, a weirdly tiny object dubbed "The Unicorn" that lurks just 1,500 light-years from us.

The nickname has a double meaning. Not only does the black hole candidate reside in the constellation Monoceros ("the unicorn"), it's incredibly low mass — about three times that of the sun — makes it nearly one of a kind.

By way of comparison, the closest star to our solar system, Proxima Centauri, is 4 light years away.

49. The WHO has validated Gambia, the second country to eliminate the major health problem called trachoma. Which is the first Country to eliminate such Health problem?

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Ghana
- (c) Mauritania
- (d) Cameroon
- (e) Burkina Faso

Answer: B

The Gambia has eliminated trachoma, one of the leading causes of blindness worldwide, WHO announced.

It has become the second African state to achieve this feat, after Ghana did in 2018.

Trachoma is a bacterial eye infection that damages the eye lids.

Trachoma is one of the Neglected Tropical Diseases. It leads to irreversible vision losses and blindness if not corrected with surgery.

Gambia eliminated Trachoma after four decades of rigorous work by NGOs, health workers and local communities.

India became free from Trachoma in 2017.

50. Amit Banerjee has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Earth Movers Limited. He joined BEML in which Year?

- (a) 1990
- (b) 1985
- (c) 1989
- (d) 1984
- (e) 1981

Answer: D

Amit Banerjee has been appointed Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Earth Mover Limited (BEML), an Indian Public Sector Undertaking, with effect from May 1, 2021.

The Public Enterprise Selection Board (PSEB) declared his selection at a board meeting on April 26, 2021.

Currently, he is serving as Director (Rail & Metro), BEML Limited.

He is a graduate in Mechanical Engineering from IIT (BHU), Varanasi, and joined BEML as Asst. Engineer in the year 1984.

About BEML:

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Founded: May, 1964

51. A famous Gujarat poet, DadudanGadhvinhas passed away recently. He was a_____ by Profession.

- (a) Ophthalmologist
- (b) Poet
- (c) Journalist
- (d) Entrepreneur
- (e) Economist

Answer: B

Folklorist poet Dadu Dan Gadhvi, who was conferred with the popular poet Dada and Padma Shri, died April 27.

The poet was 81 years old and the father of GirSomnath-Sorath.

He has made a great contribution in the field of Gujarati literature despite studying only four books.

DadudanPratap Dan Gadhvi is known by the surname of the poet Dadu.

He was also nominated for the Padma Shri for Literature.

52. A Penalty of ₹40 lakh has been imposed on Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank by RBI based on certain regulatory directions issued by which among the following?

- (a) IRDAI
- (b) DICGC
- (c) SEBI
- (d) SIDBI
- (e) NABARD

Answer: E

The RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹40 lakh on Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank, Shimla, for non-compliance with certain regulatory directions issued by NABARD.

The penalty has been imposed for non-compliance with regulatory directions issued by NABARD contained in 'Review of Frauds - Guidelines on Monitoring and Reporting System', the Reserve Bank of India

53. FaridSabrihas passed away recently due to Pneumonia. She was a well-known_____.

- (a) Singer
- (b) Dancer
- (c) Violinist
- (d) Social Activist
- (e) Environmentalist

Answer: A

Renowned qawwali singer FaridSabri of the famous Sabri Brothers duo known for the evergreen numbers 'Der Na HoJayeKahin Der Na HoJaye' and 'EkMulakatZaruriHaiSanam' to name a few, passed away on April 21. He was 58.

As per media reports, the singer was admitted to a hospital in Jaipur due to a severe case of pneumonia.

54. Indian Army and National Integrity and Educational Development Organisation have signed a Tripartite MOU with which of the following for the welfare of Ladakh Youth?

- (a) IOCL
- (b) HAL
- (c) ONGC
- (d) HPCL
- (e) BEML

Answer: D

A tripartite MoU to secure a better future for Ladakhi youth was signed among the Indian Army 14 Corps with corporate partner Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and executing agency National Integrity and Educational Development

Organisation (NIEDO) at HQ 14 Corps, Leh on April 26.

The project, Ladakh Ignited Minds: A Centre of Excellence and Wellness, has been conceptualised to secure a better future for the youth of UT of Ladakh.

It is a full-time residential programme to mentor and to guide Ladakhi youth for twelve months for various Medical and Engineering Colleges entrance examinations in India.

The programme under the aegis of Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army would be executed by National Integrity & Educational Development Organisation (NIEDO), a Kanpur-based NGO.

55. RavindraJadeja has been appointed as the brand ambassador of sportswear brand ASICS. In India, ASICS has been promoted by whom among the following?

- (a) Dwayne Johnson
- (b) VidyutJamwal
- (c) Tiger Shroff
- (d) SiddharthNigam
- (e) Roman Reigns

Answer: C

Sportswear brand ASICS announced that it has appointed RavindraJadeja, the all-rounder of the Indian cricket team and Chennai Super Kings as its brand ambassador.

In Asia, ASICS currently has over 55 stores across India, Sri Lanka and Bhutan.

In India, ASICS is promoted by actor Tiger Shroff

Asics, which has its headquarters in Kobe in Japan, has its biggest markets in the US and Europe and considers Japan as its second largest market.

The company was founded in 1949, by KihachiroOnitsuka.

56. As per the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute report, how much percentage has increased in the world military spending in a year when the global GDP shrank by 4.4% due to Covid-19 pandemic?

- (a) 3.6%
- (b) 3.2%
- (c) 2.6%
- (d) 2.9%
- (e) 4.1%

Answer: C

According to the latest data published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the military spending across the world rose to USD 1,981 billion in 2020, during Covid-19 pandemic.

The 2.6% increase in world military spending came in a year when the global GDP shrank by 4.4% largely due to the economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The two Asian countries made it to the top three for the first time. As per the report the US, China and India were the world's three biggest military spenders in 2019, followed by Russia and the UK. The countries with the biggest increases in military burden among the top 15 spenders in 2020 were Saudi Arabia, Russia, Israel and the US.

The three countries were ahead of Russia (\$65 billion) and Saudi Arabia (\$61.8 billion) who together made up the world's top military spenders, accounting for 62% of the global military spend including salaries, benefits, operational expenses, arms and equipment purchases, military construction, research and development, central administration, command and support.

57. Saudi Arabia has recently joined with countries in forming 'Net Zero Producers Forum' for oil and gas producers. Which country has not joined in forming the 'Net Zero Producers Forum'?

- (a) USA
- (b) Qatar
- (c) Norway
- (d) Canada
- (e) India

Answer: E

Saudi Arabia will join the United States, Canada, Norway, and Qatar in forming 'Net Zero Producers Forum' for oil and gas producers to discuss how they can support the implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

The state news agency reported that Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest crude exporter, will be part of the new platform, which will discuss ways to achieve net zero carbon emission targets to limit global warming.

58. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed every year on April 28 by ILO. In which year was it observed first?

- (a) 2005
- (b) 2000
- (c) 2003
- (d) 2006
- (e) 2001

Answer: C

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is celebrated annually on 28 April to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.

The theme of this year's World Day for Safety and Health at Work is 'Anticipate, prepare and respond to crises and invest now in resilient OHS systems'. In 2003, the International Labour Organization (ILO), began to observe World Day in order to stress the prevention of accidents and diseases at work, capitalizing on the ILO's traditional strengths of tripartism and social dialogue.

28 April is also the International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers organized worldwide by the trade union movement since 1996.

59. AL1SC has set up a transit campus of ARIES in which of the following states/ UT & jointly work with ISRO to maximize utilization of science data from Aditya-L1?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) J&K

Answer: B

A dedicated community service centre named Aditya-L1 Support Cell (AL1SC) has been set up by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES).

This service centre would bring all data pertaining to India's first solar space mission onto a single web-based interface.

It has been set up in ARIES transit campus at Haldwani - Uttarakhand.

60. A noted English & Odia writer, Manoj Das has passed away recently. He was conferred with Padma Shri award in which of the following Years?

- (a) 2002
- (b) 2000
- (c) 2004
- (d) 2005
- (e) 2001

Answer: E

Manoj Das, an eminent Indian author who wrote in Odia and English, passed away at the age of 87 on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

He made rich contributions to English and Odia literature. He was a leading exponent of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy.

Das was awarded Padma Shri in 2001 and Padma Bhushan in 2020 for his contributions in the field of literature and education.

He received the first Sri Aurobindo Puraskar for his research on the lesser-known facts of India's freedom struggle led by Aurobindo.

He was also honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Award fellowship.

61. The Asian Development Bank has projected its GDP growth rate of India at _____ for the FY 2022-23.

- (a) 7%
- (b) 11%
- (c) 6%
- (d) 10%
- (e) 8%

Answer: A

The Manila-based Asian Development Bank has projected the growth rate of India's economy, in its latest flagship Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2021, as follows:

- FY 22 (2021-22): 11%
- FY 23 (2022-23): 7%

The Asian Development Bank revised upwards India's GDP growth forecast for 2021-22 to 11% from 8% earlier, on continued economic recovery boosted by increased public investment, vaccine rollout and a surge in domestic demand, but warned that failure to control the resurgence of Covid-19 cases poses a downside risk to the recovery.

62. T V Somanathan has been designated as the Finance Secretary. He is the present secretary of which among the following?

- (a) Defence Secretary
- (b) Commerce Secretary

- (c) Expenditure Secretary
- (d) Foreign Secretary
- (e) Civil Aviation Secretary

Answer: C

Expenditure Secretary T V Somanathan has been designated as the Finance Secretary.

Somanathan, a 1987 batch IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, will take charge as the finance secretary, a position earlier held by Ajay Bhushan Pandey who superannuated in February. The senior-most officer among all secretaries in the Finance Ministry is designated as the Finance Secretary.

63. Waman Bhonsle has recently passed away. He was a/an _____ in the Film Industry.

- (a) Cinematographer
- (b) Lyricist
- (c) Singer
- (d) Editor
- (e) Dubbing Artist

Answer: D

National-award winning film editor Waman Bhonsle passed away at his residence, due to age-related issues. He was 87.

Waman Bhonsle was born in Goa and came to Mumbai in early 1950s to complete his studies. He worked with editor DN Pai at Bombay Talkies for six months, and later as an assistant editor at Filmistan. Bhonsle won a National Award for Inkaar (1977), apart from other awards for films like Saudagar and Ghulam.

In a career spanning over four decades, Bhonsle collaborated with almost every big director of that time, including Gulzar, Shekhar Kapur, Ravi Tandon, Subhash Ghai, Mahesh Bhatt, Raj Sippy, Sunil Dutt, Ashok Gaikwad, K. Vishwanath and more.

The Goa government felicitated Waman Bhonsle with Lifetime Achievement Award at Goa State Film Festival in 2015.

64. Biocon Ltd has announced that Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. The Center is located in which Country?

- (a) India
- (b) US
- (c) Russia
- (d) Brazil
- (e) Australia

Answer: B

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), a world leader in cancer treatment and research, based in New York, US, Biocon Ltd announced on April 28.

Mazumdar-Shaw is the first woman of Indian nationality to be appointed for this role.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw is the Chairperson and Managing Director of Biocon, Asia's leading bio-pharmaceuticals enterprise.

She has received two of the highest civilian awards in India, Padma Shri (1989) and Padma Bhushan (2005).

In 2010, Ms. Mazumdar Shaw was named among TIME magazine's 100 most influential people in the world.

65. India has been ranked 49th in the Chandler Good Government Index. How many countries are ranked in the Index?

- (a) 100
- (b) 109
- (c) 111
- (d) 110
- (e) 104

Answer: E

India has been ranked 49th in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI), which classifies 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes.

The Chandler Institute of Governance (CIG) is an international non-profit organisation, headquartered in Singapore.

The Chandler Good Government Index shows the importance of measuring and investing in governance capabilities that matter.

Finland, with an index score of 0.848, ranked first on the CCGI list. Switzerland, Singapore, Netherlands, and Denmark ranked second, third, fourth and fifth on the CCGI list, respectively.

66. The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times is a book authored by Amitav Ghosh. This book has published in how many Languages?

- (a) Five
- (b) Three
- (c) Two
- (d) Four
- (e) Six

Answer: C

HarperCollins Publishers is proud to announce the acquisition and forthcoming publication of The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times by Amitav Ghosh Publishing simultaneously in English, in Hindi, as an ebook and an audiobook in January 2022.

The Living Mountain is a new story by Jnanpith winner and internationally renowned author Amitav Ghosh, written during the course of the pandemic.

It is a fable for our times: a cautionary tale of how humans have systematically exploited nature, leading to an environmental collapse.

67. Krishnamurthy Santhanam has passed away recently. He was associated with which among the following?

- (a) Scientist
- (b) Cartoonist
- (c) Journalist
- (d) Author
- (e) Nutritionist

Answer: A

Solution: Indian nuclear scientist Krishnamurthy Santhanam, who played a noteworthy role in the 1998 nuclear tests at Pokhran, has passed away. He was deeply associated with the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA). Santhanam was the field director of Defence Research and Development Organization during the tests of Pokhran-II. He was awarded with the Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award, in 1999 by the Government of India.

68. Ashleigh Barty has won her title in the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in Stuttgart. This is her _____ title in the year.

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 5th
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 6th
- (e) 4th

Answer: C

Ashleigh Barty surged to the top of the WTA yearly standings with her third title of the year at the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in Stuttgart. Barty came from a set down for the third straight match to beat fifth seed Aryna Sabalenka 3-6 6-0 6-3, extending her winning run over top-10 rivals to 10 successive matches. The Australian player clicked into gear for the final's second set, which she won in just 20 minutes, with

Sabalenka taking a medical timeout ahead of the third.

69. Michael Collins, an American astronaut, passed away recently. He was a pilot of which among the following?

- (a) Apollo 19
- (b) Apollo 11
- (c) Apollo 16
- (d) Apollo 14
- (e) Apollo 13

Answer: B

The American astronaut, Michael Collins, who was the command module pilot for the Apollo 11 mission to the moon, has passed away, after losing his battle to cancer.

During the three-man Apollo 11 crew mission in 1969, Collins kept the command module flying while the other two members, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon.

Collins spent seven years of his career as an astronaut with NASA.

70. Justice Rajesh Bindal has been appointed as the Chief Justice of which of the following High Courts?

- (a) Odisha High Court
- (b) Chhattisgarh High Court
- (c) Karnataka High Court
- (d) Jharkhand High Court
- (e) Calcutta High Court

Answer: E

Justice Rajesh Bindal has been appointed as the acting Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, a Law Ministry notification said.

The appointment of Justice Bindal, the senior most Judge of the Calcutta High Court, comes into effect from Thursday as Chief Justice Thottathil Bhaskaran Nair Radhakrishnan demits office on April 28.

Shri Justice Rajesh Bindal, B.Com., LL.B, enrolled as an Advocate on September 14, 1985.

He practised in the Punjab and Haryana High Court and Central Administrative Tribunal, in Taxation, Constitutional, Civil and Service cases.

71. The Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award was conferred to Tyler Perry at the 2021 Oscar. The award was presented by whom among the following?

- (a) Meghan Harry
- (b) John Wilson
- (c) David Schwimmer
- (d) Leonardo Dicaprio
- (e) Viola Davis

Answer: E

Tyler Perry was honored for his humanitarian work yet again .

The celebrated media mogul was presented with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award at the 2021 Oscars, and Perry shared an inspirational message in his acceptance speech.

Viola Davis was tasked with presenting the award, and the celebrated actress introduced Perry by

highlighting the many charitable efforts that earned Perry the prestigious honor.

72. Dr Krithi K Karanth was the first Indian and Asian woman for 2021 to be conferred with 'WILD Innovator Award'. Who among the following person is not the winner of the Award?

- (a) Richelle Thomas
- (b) Adriana Verges
- (c) Dominique Goncalves
- (d) Erika Funnell
- (e) Genesis Butler

Answer: D

Dr Krithi K Karanth, Chief Conservation Scientist at Bengaluru-based Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS), has been chosen as the first Indian and Asian woman for the 2021 'WILD Innovator Award'.

The award given by the “WILD ELEMENTS Foundation” brings together a coalition of innovators, advocates and partners to “disrupt the status quo and identify solutions to global sustainability and conservation.

Her first project was in Karnataka in 2002, where she studied the voluntary resettlement of people and the issues that arose as a result.

Dr Karanth has also mentored more than 100 scientists from India, Australia, the UK, and the USA.

The brilliant conservation scientist is now working on a project called Wildseve, which has helped over 7,000 families file wildlife compensation claims and receive their rights.

The other winners are Richelle Thomas (USA), Abigail Williams and Jayne Goss (United Kingdom), Erika Allen and Laurell Sims (USA), AnnaSophia Robb, Genesis Butler (USA), Sheila Funnell (Kenya), RosamiraGuillen (Colombia), RessonKantai Duff (Kenya), Dr.Adriana Verges (Australia), and Dominique Goncalves (Mozambique).

73. The 5th generation Python-5, an air-to-air missile was test fired in which of the following Aircrafts?

- (a) Tejas
- (b) Akash
- (c) Netra
- (d) Dhruv
- (e) Agni

Answer: A

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), successfully test-fired the 5th generation Python-5 Air-to-Air Missile (AAM) from Tejas aircraft, at Goa.

This adds the Python-5 Air-to-Air Missile (AAM) in the air-to-air weapons package of India's indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft, Tejas.

Python-5 air-to-air missile (AAM) has been manufactured by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems of Israel and is one of the most sophisticated guided missiles in the world.

74. A Covid Hospital Directory was launched by which among the following mobile applications for its users in India?

- (a) Google Chrome
- (b) Paytm
- (c) True Caller
- (d) Hike
- (e) Telegram

Answer: C

Truecaller has now launched a Covid Hospital Directory for its users in India.

The directory is built right into the application and you can access it from either the menu or the dialer.

The directory includes telephone numbers and addresses of various Covid-designated hospitals.

Truecaller is a Swedish company founded in 2009 in Stockholm, Sweden .

75. 'Oxygen on wheels' has been incorporated by the Karnal administration to avoid the oxygen crisis. The Karnal district is located in which of the following states?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Haryana

Answer: E

In wake of the acute oxygen shortage across the country, Karnal administration has rolled out 'Oxygen on wheels' to assist hospitals in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic and oxygen crisis.

Under this initiative, a carrier vehicle called a Mobile oxygen bank loaded with 100 Oxygen Cylinders reaches out to any district hospital which requisitions its urgent supply.

The initiative is functional 24*7 for all hospitals in the district.

Karnalis a district in the State of Haryana.

76. A digital Platform 'Merchant Stack' has been launched by ICICI Bank for over 2 crore retail merchants in the country with approximately _____ billion in value of transactions in 2020.

- (a) \$ 540 billion
- (b) \$ 780 billion
- (c) \$ 890 billion
- (d) \$ 620 billion
- (e) \$ 680 billion

Answer: B

ICICI Bank launched digital platform 'Merchant Stack' to target over 2 crore retail merchants in the country.

There are over 2 crore merchants in the country with approximately \$ 780 billion in value of transactions in 2020.

The platform enables merchants to meet their banking requirements amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The main features include instant credit facilities, zero-balance current account and digital store management, among others.

77. A first ever vaccine for viral nervous necrosis has been developed by the Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture. The disease affects which of the Marine Organism?

- (a) Octopus
- (b) Turtle
- (c) Crabs
- (d) Fish
- (e) Lobsters

Answer: D

In a major breakthrough, the Chennai-based Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA) has developed the country's first vaccine for deadly viral nervous necrosis (VNN) disease, which is currently affecting several species of fish.

The VNN disease is a serious threat affecting many marine, brackishwater and freshwater fish causing up to 100% mortality in larval and early juvenile stages.

The disease is caused by nervous necrosis virus (NNV).

78. As per the report of IHS Markit, Indian Economy would grow by how much percentage in the fiscal year 2021?

- (a) 8.3%
- (b) 8.9%
- (c) 8.1%
- (d) 8.5%
- (e) 8.8%

Answer: B

London-based financial services company IHS Markit has projected the GDP growth rate of the Indian economy to grow at 9.6 per cent in FY22. Indian economy is likely to rebound with an 8.9 per cent growth in the fiscal year beginning April 2021 after economic activity showed significant improvement in the last quarter as per the IHS Markit.

79. Vaishali S Hiwase is the first woman to be appointed as the commanding officer in the Border Roads Organisation. She hails from which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Assam
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Kerala

Answer: A

Vaishali S Hiwase became the first woman officer to be appointed as officer commanding in the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) where she will be responsible for providing connectivity through an Indo-China border road.

Vaishali is from Wardha, Maharashtra, and has completed a successful demanding tenure in Kargil.

80. Which Minister has inaugurated India's first 3D printed house at the IIT Madras campus?

- (a) Housing and Urban Affairs Minister
- (b) Defence Minister
- (c) Rural Development, Minister
- (d) Finance Minister

(e) Home Minister

Answer: D

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated India's first 3D printed house at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras campus.

The house has been constructed by Tvasta Manufacturing Solutions, a startup founded by IIT Madras alumni, which is a part of the new incubator of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) established at IIT Madras.

This technology enables building a 3D printed house in 5 days.

It is in line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's goal of 'Housing for All by 2022.'

81. Dhruv Mk III MR has successfully demonstrated its deck-operations capabilities. The advanced Light Helicopter developed by which among the following company?

- (a) HAL
- (b) BEML
- (c) BHEL
- (d) DRDO
- (e) IAF

Answer: A

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv Mk III MR has successfully demonstrated its deck-operations capabilities that include landing on the deck, folding of blades and storing the helicopter inside the onboard hangar.

The ship-borne trials off Chennai coast in collaboration with the Indian Coast Guard concluded recently.

The helicopter is equipped with the most modern and reliable Shakti engines and an advanced glass cockpit.

Dhruv Mk III MR is equipped with the most advanced surveillance radar that can detect and identify ships and boats up to a range of 120 nautical miles to help the Indian Coast Guard in its duty to protect the nation from threats.

82. China has recently launched NEO-01, a robot type to peer into deep space to observe small celestial bodies in which of the following rockets?

- (a) Long March 2A
- (b) Long March 5B
- (c) Long March 9
- (d) Long March 4
- (e) Long March 6

Answer: E

A Space Mining Startup of China recently launched NEO-01.

It is a robotic platform launched into low earth orbit.

It will conduct experiments on space debris removal techniques.

The NEO-01 robot was launched on a Long March 6 rocket.

It was launched to observe the small celestial bodies in deep space.

It is to use a large net to capture space debris. After capturing, it will burn the debris using electric

The 30kg robot is developed by Shenzhen-based Origin Space.

83. As per the report of the Time Magazine's first-ever list of 100 most influential companies, which industry has listed in the Innovators Category?

- (a) Byjus
- (b) Airbnb
- (c) Ikea
- (d) Huawei
- (e) Tesla

Answer: C

Two Indian firms, Reliance Industries' technology arm Jio Platforms and e-learning start-up Byju's have figured in the Time Magazine's first-ever list of 100 most influential companies.

It listed Jio Platforms under the Innovators category alongside Zoom, Adidas, TikTok, Ikea, Moderna and Netflix.

Byju's was listed alongside Tesla, Huawei, Shopify, Airbnb and DiDiChuxing in the Disruptors category.

On its website, Time said companies shaping the future are at the heart of the first ever TIME100 Most Influential Companies.

84. April 30 was observed as Ayushman Bharat Diwas. In which year, Ayushman Bharat Yojna has observed first ?

- (a) 2011
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2015
- (d) 2013

(e) 2010

Answer: B

Ayushman Bharat Diwas is observed on April 30. Ayushman Bharat Yojna was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018, to provide healthcare benefits to crores of Indians who can't afford proper medical facilities.

The flagship scheme of the Narendra Modi government was launched along the lines of a universal health coverage to meet one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations - "leave no one behind."

According to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Ayushman Bharat Scheme has so far operationalised 75,532 Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres.

It has fixed a target of 1.5 lakh Health and Wellness Centres by 2022.

85. The World Veterinary Day was observed every year on which day of April annually?

- (a) Last Sunday of April
- (b) Last Monday of April
- (c) Last Friday of April
- (d) Last Saturday of April
- (e) Last Thursday of April

Answer: D

The World Veterinary Association (WVA) started celebrating the day in the year 2000.

WVA is the world's largest family of veterinarians and aims at providing a "common voice" for all the veterinary doctors across the globe.

The World Veterinary Day is celebrated annually on the last Saturday of April. This year falls on April 24. The World Veterinary Association declared the theme for 2021 as 'The Veterinarian Response to the Covid-19 Crisis'; keeping in mind the ongoing pandemic situation that took a toll on animal welfare as well.

86. April 24 has been observed every year as the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace. The day was observed initially by which among the following?

- (a) UNGA
- (b) UNSC
- (c) UNESCO
- (d) UNICEF
- (e) WHO

Answer: A

The International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace has been marked on 24 April since 2019.

The day was declared by the UN General Assembly in December 2018 and was observed for the first time on 24 April 2019.

Multilateralism requires states to follow international norms and pay more respect to international institutions; this is contrasted with unilateralism, where a single state can influence how international relations can be conducted.

87. World Day for Animals in Laboratories has been observed every year on which of the following days?

- (a) April 29
- (b) April 26
- (c) April 25
- (d) April 28
- (e) April 24

Answer: E

World Day for Animals in Laboratories is observed every year on 24 April.

The surrounding week has come to be known as "World Week for Animals In Laboratories".

The National Anti-Vivisection Society describes the day as an "international day of commemoration" for animals in laboratories.

The World Day of Laboratory Animals has been observed annually on April 24th with the associated "Lab Animal Week" (20th-26th April) since 1979 as a movement to end the sufferings of the animals that are used for testing in the laboratories around the world and replace them with the advanced scientific non-animal.

88. Russian Space Agency has planned to launch its own space station in which of the following year?

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2027
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2035

Answer: B

Russian space agency Roscosmos said that it hoped to launch its own space station in 2025.

Moscow is considering withdrawing from the International Space Station programme.

Dmitry Rogozin, chief of Roscosmos said work had already begun on the first module of the new space station.

After more than two decades of international cooperation in space research, Russia announced that it would be withdrawing from the International Space Station in 2025, and build and manage its own floating laboratory that will be launched into orbit by 2030.

Launched in 1998 and involving Russia, the United States, Canada, Japan, and the European Space Agency, the ISS is one of the most ambitious international collaborations in human history.

89. AmitMistry, a popular Gujarat and Hindi Film actor, has passed away recently. He didn't act in which of the following films?

- (a) ShorIn The City
- (b) KyaKehna
- (c) EkChalis Ki Last Local
- (d) Raatakelihai
- (e) YamlaPaglaDeewana

Answer: D

Popular Gujarati and Hindi film actor AmitMistry, known for starring in films like "ShorIn The City", "BeyYaar" and Amazon Prime Video series "Bandish Bandits", died following cardiac arrest.

He was also known for his memorable performances in Bollywood films like KyaKehna, EkChalis Ki Last Local, 99, Shor In The City, YamlaPaglaDeewana

and A Gentleman as well as TV-like Tenali Rama, Sssshhhh...Koi Hai, Madam Sir and ShubhMangalSavadhan, besides OTT shows.

90. Which among the following has announced tough draft rules governing the use of artificial intelligence including hefty fines for violations?

- (a) AIIB
- (b) ADB
- (c) EU
- (d) FATF
- (e) G20 Countries

Answer: C

The European Commission announced tough draft rules governing the use of artificial intelligence (AI), including hefty fines for violations, a ban on surveillance with a few exceptions and strict safeguards for high risk AI applications.

The Commission said AI applications that allow governments to do social scoring or exploit children will be banned.

High risk AI applications used in recruitment, critical infrastructure, credit scoring, migration and law enforcement will be subject to strict safeguards. Companies breaching the rules face fines up to 6% of their global turnover or 30 million euros (\$36 million), whichever is the higher figure.

The move comes even as China moves ahead in the AI race, while the Covid-19 pandemic has underlined the importance of algorithms and internet-connected gadgets in daily life.

91. Which among the following bank has been working to launch a new cryptocurrency for use by households and businesses named "Bitcoin"?

- (a) Bank of America
- (b) Bank of Nova Scotia
- (c) Bank of England
- (d) HSBC Ltd
- (e) Bank of China

Answer: C

British authorities are exploring the possibility of creating a new digital currency that Treasury chief Rishi Sunak indicated could be known as Bitcoin".

The Bank of England and the Treasury said that they will work together to assess the benefits of a central bank digital currency, at a time when cash payments are generally on the decline, partly as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The bank said the new currency, if it comes to pass, would be a new form of digital money for use by households and businesses and would exist alongside cash and bank deposits, rather than replacing them

92. On April 25, National DNA Day is observed in which of the following countries?

- (a) US
- (b) India
- (c) Brazil
- (d) Australia
- (e) China

Answer: A

National DNA Day is a United States holiday celebrated on April 25.

It commemorates the day in 1953 when James Watson, Francis Crick, Maurice Wilkins, Rosalind Franklin and colleagues published papers in the journal Nature on the structure of DNA.

In the United States, DNA Day was first celebrated on April 25, 2003, by proclamation of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

April 25 has since been declared "International DNA Day" and "World DNA Day" by several groups.

93. How many awards were bagged by the State Panchayat Raj department in the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Panchayat Awards 2021?

- (a) 19 Awards
- (b) 13 Awards
- (c) 17 Awards
- (d) 11 Awards
- (e) 20 Awards

Answer: C

In the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Panchayat Awards 2021, the State Panchayat Raj department has bagged 17 awards announced by the Union Panchayat Raj Ministry.

The awards are under different categories, including DeenDayalUpadhyayPanchayatSashaktikaran, NanajiDeshmukhRashtriyaGaurav Gram SabhaPurashkar, Gram Panchayat Development Plans, Child-friendly Gram Panchayat Award and e-PanchayatPuraskar.

Guntur and Krishna districts got awards at the district level.

Sadum (Chittoor district), Kakinada Rural (East Godavari), Penugonda (Anantapur) and Vijayawada Rural (Krishna district) got awards in the mandal level.

Renimakulapalle (Chittoor), Tallapalme (Nellore), Kondepalli (Prakasam), Tada Kandriga (Nellore), Peddalabudu (Visakhapatnam), Gullapalli (Guntur) Varkuru (Kurnool), Pennabarthi (Nellore), G Ragampeta (East Godavari), Vellanti (Nellore) got awards under different categories in the gram panchayat level.

Minister PeddireddyRamachandra Reddy said it bagged 15 awards last year.

94. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police has opened how many oxygen beds at SardarVallabhBhai Patel Covid Care Centre?

- (a) 650
- (b) 500
- (c) 400
- (d) 550
- (e) 450

Answer: B

A 500-oxygen bed COVID care centre operated by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in south Delhi will open April 26 as coronavirus cases register a sharp rise in the national capital, officials said.

The treatment at this centre will be free of cost, they said.

The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel COVID Care Centre (SPCCC) will start functioning from 10 am on April 26.

No walk-in admissions will be made

95. Which private company has transferred its entire majority shareholding in Mphasis Ltd from its existing fund?

- (a) Redstone
- (b) Greenstone
- (c) Bluestone
- (d) Blackstone
- (e) Rubystone

Answer: D

Global private equity major Blackstone would transfer its entire majority shareholding in Mphasis Ltd from its existing fund to two new funds after dropping plans to sell its stake to a third party.

The move will help Blackstone, which owns 56% of the IT services company, hold on to the stake for a longer period, and seek exit opportunities at a later time.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), UC Investments and other long-term investors will co-invest along with Blackstone.

96. Bharat Biotech International Ltd announced that it would sell its covid-19 vaccine to state governments. What is the price of Covishield in the private Hospitals?

- (a) ₹600

- (b) ₹400
- (c) ₹700
- (d) ₹1200
- (e) ₹500

Answer: A

Bharat Biotech International Ltd announced that it will sell its covid-19 vaccine to state governments at ₹600 per dose and to private hospitals at ₹1,200 per dose, a sharp jump from prices it currently charges the Centre for supply.

Covaxin's price is higher than what Serum Institute of India plans to charge for its covid-19 vaccine Covishield, at ₹400 per dose for central and state governments and ₹600 for private hospitals.

97. In the AP Panchayat Awards 2021, which of the following Panchayat is not conferred the award under the Mandal Level?

- (a) Sadum
- (b) Ragampeta
- (c) Vijayawada Rural
- (d) Kakinada Rural
- (e) None of these

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98. Which of the following banks has set to acquire Citi Group to improve its consumer banking business in India?

- (a) Deutsche Bank
- (b) Standard Chartered Bank
- (c) BNP Paribas
- (d) Barclays Bank
- (e) DBS Bank

Answer: E

Singapore-based DBS Bank is in talks with Citi Group to acquire its consumer banking business in India.

While other banks such as Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, OCBC and Standard Chartered are also

interested, according to the media, talks between DBS Bank and CitiGroup have reached the advanced stage.

Citi earlier announced that it would exit its consumer franchises in 13 markets, 10 of which are in Asia.

99. Paytm Wealth Community, a video-based feature has been launched by Paytm .How many Financial experts are participating in this feature?

- (a) 50
- (b) 30
- (c) 60
- (d) 40
- (e) 70

Answer: D

Paytm is launching Paytm Wealth Community, a video-based feature as part of its digital wealth management platform in a bid to tap young users interested in investing in capital markets.

The community will showcase videos from experts and content creators on a variety of financial subjects in multiple languages.

In its first phase, it would feature sessions by 40 financial experts including William O'Neil, Quantech Capital and Skillspire.

100. Budget Proposal has notified that it has not affected the ULIP segment of ICICI Prudential Life. What is 'I' in ULIP?

- (a) Investment
- (b) In-charge
- (c) Insurance

- (d) Initial
(e) Impose

Answer: C

Insurance experts show mixed feelings as the Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman announced a slew of measures for the insurance industry in her budget speech.

Budget proposal has not affected the ULIP segment of ICICI Prudential Life.

While the industry veterans were happy about the increase in FDI limit announced, they were discouraged by the proposal to tax the maturity proceeds of unit linked insurance plans (ULIPs) with an annual premium above ₹2.5 lakh.

101. India's first Aadhaar-based SIP payments feature was launched by which of the following App?

- (a) WTMONEY
(b) VTMONEY
(c) ETMONEY
(d) RTMONEY
(e) STMONEY

Answer: C

Investment app, ETMONEY, has launched an Aadhaar-based SIP payments feature.

With this, anyone can now start a mutual fund systematic investment plan (SIP) online and set up automatic payments using an Aadhaar-based OTP (one-time password) verification.

With over 100 crore bank accounts linked to Aadhaar and the ease of OTP authentication, this

new feature has the potential to make online investments more open to a wider range of people. In India, ETMONEY is among the best, top-rated and the most downloaded personal finance app. Mukesh Kalra is the Founder & CEO of ETMONEY.

102. Which of the following has signed a corporate agency agreement with Indian overseas Bank to retail its insurance products to bank customers?

- (a) SBI General Insurance
(b) SBI life Insurance
(c) State Bank of India
(d) SBI Mutual funds
(e) SBI Card

Answer: A

Public sector Indian Overseas Bank has signed a corporate agency agreement with SBI General Insurance to retail its insurance products to bank customers.

Indian Overseas Bank has signed a bancassurance agreement for distribution of non-life offerings with SBI General Insurance to offer a range of general insurance solutions and innovative products to the customers of the bank.

The partnership would improve penetration in urban, tier II and III markets and also create awareness about personal lines of insurance to customers, Sengupta said.

Indian Overseas Bank has over 3,200 branches across the country and has a presence overseas. Its headquarters is in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

ParthaPratimsengupta is the MD &CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.

103. Facebook has signed a deal to buy renewable energy in India from a local firm's wind power project located in southern Karnataka state. What is the capacity (MW) of that wind power project?

- (a) 35 MW
- (b) 31 MW
- (c) 39 MW
- (d) 30 MW
- (e) 32MW

Answer: E

Facebook has signed a deal to buy renewable energy in India from a local firm's wind power project, the social media giant's first such deal in the South Asian nation, the companies said.

The 32-megawatt wind power project, located in southern Karnataka state, is part of a larger portfolio of wind and solar projects that Facebook and Mumbai-based CleanMax are working together on for supplying renewable power into India's electrical grid, they said in a joint statement.

CleanMax will own and operate the projects, while Facebook will buy the power off the grid using environmental attribute certificates, or carbon credits.

In Singapore, Facebook has announced similar partnerships with energy providers Sunseap Group, Terrenus Energy and Sembcorp Industries on projects that can produce 160 MW of solar power.

The electricity generated from these plants will power the tech giant's first Asian data centre that is set to start operations next year.

104. Ben Stokes has been declared as the 'Cricketer of the Year' for a second successive time in the Wisden Almanack. Ben Stokes belongs to which country?

- (a) Australia
- (b) England
- (c) Zimbabwe
- (d) Afghanistan
- (e) None of these

Answer: B

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first One-Day International, five ODI cricketers of the decade have been named in the 2021 edition of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.

One cricketer has been selected from each decade between 1971 and 2021.

Ben Stokes becomes the first England player to be named Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the World more than once.

Ben Stokes has been named as the leading cricketer in the world for a second consecutive year in the 2021 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, which is published on April 15.

India captain Virat Kohli has been named Wisden Almanack's ODI player of the 2010s.

Sachin Tendulkar is the ODI Cricketer of the 1990s. KapilDev was named as the ODI Cricketer for the 1980s.

Australia's Beth Mooney is 'Leading Women's Cricketer in the World'.

West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard was adjudged the 'Leading T20 Cricketer in the World'.

Meanwhile, Jason Holder, Mohammed Rizwan, Dom Sibley, Zak Crawley, and Darren Stevens have been awarded the Wisden Cricketers of the Year 2021

105. The National Innovative and Sustainable Supply Chain awards was won by Birla Cellulose. It is the _____ edition.

- (a) Second
- (b) Fifth
- (c) Third
- (d) Sixth
- (e) First

Answer: E

Birla Cellulose, part of the Aditya Birla Group that produces man made cellulosic fibre (MMCF), has emerged as a winner in the first edition of the "National Innovative and Sustainable Supply Chain Awards" by UN Global Compact Network India.

Birla Cellulose is prioritizing the increased use of alternate feedstock like textile waste and is committed to accelerate innovations that are aligned with UN SDGs 2030.

Birla Cellulose operates 12 pulp and fibre sites globally and has 5 global advanced research centres with research facilities and pilot plants that support the global operations and markets.

106. What is the theme of World Voice Day, celebrated every year on April 16?

- (a) One World Many Echoes
- (b) One World Many Voices
- (c) One World Many Replies
- (d) One World Many Sounds
- (e) One World Many Noises

Answer: B

World Voice Day is observed globally on April 16 and celebrates the phenomenon of voice.

It encourages people irrespective of their sex to assess their vocal health and take action to improve or maintain their good voice habits.

World Voice Day aims to bring to the notice of the world the need of preventing voice problems, rehabilitating the deviant or sick voice, training the artistic voice, and researching the function and application of voice.

The theme for this year is One World Many Voices. This celebration started in Brazil in 1999 as the Brazilian National Voice Day.

107. The Advanced Antiquities Management System was inaugurated at the Directorate of Archives and Archaeology of Goa. What is the capacity of the AAMS?

- (a) 400kg
- (b) 250 kg
- (c) 350 kg
- (d) 450 kg
- (e) 300 kg

Answer: C

The Directorate of Archives and Archaeology of the Goa government inaugurated the Advanced Antiquities Management System that it claimed was the first such system in the country for storage of antiquities.

The system that catalogues 83 antiquities at present is aimed at providing quick information about an antiquity linked to the software, saving storage space and ensuring improved preservation of the objects of historical significance.

The AAMS, placed at Goa's DAA in Panaji, looks like a large, closed container, about 3 metres tall. It has eight trays with a capacity of 350 kg each.

108. Union Minister of Education Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal addressed the _____ Convocation of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) on 15th April.

- (a) 34th
- (b) 30th
- (c) 47th
- (d) 37th
- (e) 40th

Answer: A

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) celebrated its 34th convocation ceremony on April 15.

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' attended the ceremony and delivered the convocation ceremony on the occasion.

The event took place at Baba Saheb Ambedkar Convention Centre, IGNOU Campus, Delhi.

The University distributed certificates and degrees to its students.

The students and faculty members of 53 regional centers across the country participated in the convocation ceremony.

Students who have completed their courses in 2020, 2021 were felicitated during the ceremony.

The ceremony was also live telecasted on IGNOU's Gyan Darshan Channel and Swayam Prabha Channels for Higher Education.

109. Yusuff Ali M A has been honoured with Abu Dhabi's top civilian award for his outstanding contribution to Abu Dhabi's business, industry and support to various philanthropic initiatives. He is a chairman of which of the following groups?

- (a) V- Mart
- (b) Spencer
- (c) Shoppers Stop
- (d) LuLu
- (e) D- Mart

Answer: D

Yusuff Ali M A, the chairman of retail group LuLu, was honoured with Abu Dhabi's top civilian award.

The prestigious Abu Dhabi Award was given to Yusuff Ali for his outstanding contribution to Abu Dhabi's business, industry and support to various philanthropic initiatives.

Shaikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, and deputy supreme commander of UAE armed forces presented the award to Yusuff Ali in Abu Dhabi.

He is the only Indian among the 12 prominent individuals who received the honour this year. This was the 10th edition of Abu Dhabi's top civilian awards.

110. Actor AyushmannKhurrana has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Smartphone brand TECNO. TECNO is _____ based company.

- (a) Korean
- (b) Vietnamese
- (c) Japanese
- (d) Chinese
- (e) None of these

Answer: D

Smartphone brand TECNO has announced actor AyushmannKhurrana as its brand ambassador. "The partnership is expected to give a strong face to TECNO's brand philosophy 'Stop at Nothing' to deliver innovative products of sensory excellence and bolster its position among smartphone consumers of New India in 2021.

Tecno Mobile is a Chinese mobile phone manufacturer based in Shenzhen, China. It was established in 2006.

111. Bill Nelson has been appointed as NASA's 14th _____ by President Joe Biden.

- (a) President
- (b) Administrator
- (c) Director
- (d) Researcher
- (e) Senator

Answer: B

US President Joe Biden has nominated former Senator Bill Nelson to serve as the 14th NASA Administrator.

Nelson will serve as NASA's chief executive officer and will be directly accountable to President Biden. In this role, he will articulate the space agency's vision, will set its programmatic and budget priorities, internal policies and assess the agency's performance.

Nelson, 76, has previously chaired the space subcommittee in the House of Representatives for six years and later served on the Senate's Space and Science Subcommittee.

Nelson was first elected to the U.S. Congress in 1986, and later became the first member of the House to go to space.

112. G.V.G. Krishnamurthy has passed away recently. He was the former Election commissioner. In which year, he became the Election Commissioner?

- (a) 1998
- (b) 1993
- (c) 1997
- (d) 1990
- (e) 1996

Answer: B

Former Election Commissioner G.V.G. Krishnamurthy passed away due to prolonged illness. He was 86.

An Indian Legal Service officer, Krishnamurthy became the election commissioner in October 1993.

His last rites will take place this evening at the Lodhi Road crematorium.

Krishnamurty passed away due to age-related ailments. He is survived by his wife Padma Murty, son and senior Supreme Court advocate G.V. Rao, and daughter Dr. Radha Bodapati.

113. Nettle Infrastructure Investments has completely acquired OneWeb India. Nettle Infrastructure Investments is a unit of _____.

- (a) Vodafone Idea
- (b) Reliance
- (c) BSNL
- (d) Bharti Airtel
- (e) None of these

Answer: D

Bharti Airtel's unit, Nettle Infrastructure Investments, has completely acquired OneWeb India. OneWeb India Communications Pvt Ltd is a subsidiary company of OneWeb that operates out of the UK. OneWeb is already co-owned by Bharti Airtel along with the UK government. Nettle Infrastructure Investments, an arm of Bharti Airtel, has now acquired a 100% stake by purchasing 10,000 shares of the OneWeb India in cash.

This will give Airtel complete control over the Indian subsidiary of OneWeb.

114. Heath Streak, former Zimbabwe captain has been banned from cricket for how many years for

breaching the International Cricket Council's Anti-Corruption Code?

- (a) 8 Years
- (b) 5 Years
- (c) 11 Years
- (d) 3 Years
- (e) 7 Years

Answer: A

Former Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak has been banned by the International Cricket Council for eight years from all forms of cricketing activities for breaching the International Cricket Council's Anti-Corruption Code.

Streak has accepted all the charges against him that involve disclosing inside information about T20 Leagues around the world including the Indian Premier League (IPL), Pakistan Super League (PSL) and others.

The five charges also include leaking information about international fixtures and obstructing or delaying an investigation.

Streak made his international debut in November 1993 against South Africa in an ODI.

115. The Ministry of Tourism has signed an MOU with two travel Apps. With which of the following apps has it signed MOU?

- (a) Cleartrip and Triplt
- (b) TravelSpend and Ease My Trip
- (c) Cleartrip and Ease My Trip
- (d) Triplt and TravelSpend
- (e) Triplt and Ease My Trip

Answer: C

In its on-going effort to strengthen the hospitality and tourism industry amidst the coronavirus pandemic, the Ministry of Tourism has signed a memorandum of understanding with Cleartrip and Ease My Trip.

The primary objective of this MoU is to provide extensive visibility to accommodation units, which have self-certified themselves on SAATHI (System for Assessment, Awareness and Training for the Hospitality Industry) on the OTA platform.

The MoU also outlines both parties to encourage units to register on NIDHI and thereby, on SAATHI and encourage the local tourism industry with appropriate safeguards for curbing the spread of COVID-19.

116. World Haemophilia Day is observed every year on April 17. What is the theme of this year's World Haemophilia Day?

- (a) Get involved
- (b) Sharing knowledge makes us stronger
- (c) Reaching Out: The First Step to Care
- (d) Treatment for All
- (e) Adapting to Change

Answer: E

Every year on 17 April Haemophilia Day is recognised worldwide to increase awareness of haemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other inherited bleeding disorders.

World Haemophilia Day was started in 1989 by the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH), which chose 17 April as the day to bring the community

together in honour of WFH founder Frank Schnabel's birthday.

It is an effort for better diagnosis and access to care for those people who remain without treatment, to raise funds for the people who are suffering from this disease and are not able to afford treatment.

It also provides an opportunity to discuss the disease with friends, family, colleagues, etc., and to support the patients suffering from Haemophilia disease.

This year the theme is Adapting to Change.

117. As per the latest Henley Passport Index, what is the Position of Pakistan?

- (a) 103
- (b) 101
- (c) 110
- (d) 107
- (e) 111

Answer: D

The Henley Passport Index is the original ranking of all the world's passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.

It was launched in 2006 and includes 199 different passports.

Japan continues to hold the number one position on the index, with passport holders able to access 191 destinations around the world visa-free.

Singapore is in second place (with a score of 190) and South Korea ties with Germany in third place (with a score of 189).

India ranks 85th, with a visa-free score of 58.

Pakistan was ranked 107th and Nepal was ranked 104th

Bangladesh has ranked 100th in the latest edition of the Henley Passport Index, sharing the same spot with Lebanon and Sudan.

118. The SEBI has issued the guidelines for non-warehousing norms for agricultural/ agri- processed goods. When will the guidelines come into effect?

- (a) June 1
- (b) December 1
- (c) April 1
- (d) January 1
- (e) September 1

Answer: A

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on April 16, 2021, has issued a circular for the guidelines for non-warehousing norms for agricultural/ agri- processed goods and non-agricultural goods (only base/ industrial metals) underlying a commodity derivatives contract having the feature of physical delivery.

These norms shall come into effect from June 01, 2021.

In addition to these norms, the WSPs should comply with the norms laid down by Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority.

119. PM Modi has inaugurated the 6th edition of the Raisina Dialogue virtually. Which among the

following countries' PM is the Chief guest for this event?

- (a) Sudan & Denmark
- (b) Denmark & Rwanda
- (c) British & Suriname
- (d) Sweden & Rwanda
- (e) Suriname & British

Answer: B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 6th edition of the Raisina Dialogue.

President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame and Prime Minister of Denmark, Mette Frederiksen also joined the Inaugural Session as chief guests.

The dialogue was held virtually from April 13 to 16, 2021.

The Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics, held annually since 2016.

It is jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation.

120. SolihaShabir has won the title of Grand Master in Asia book of records for her book titled

_____.

- (a) In the lawn of dark
- (b) Luck By Chance
- (c) Zoon-The heart of HabbaKhatoon
- (d) Obsolete- The poem Market
- (e) Made in Heaven

Answer: C

A young writer from summer capital Srinagar who has already won awards from India's world records

and India book of records has now won the title of Grand Master in Asia book of records for her book Zoon-The heart of HabbaKhatoon.

SolihaShabir, 22, a resident of Dalgate area in Srinagar, has been writing on different issues of society besides taking part in debates as well. Soliha, who is pursuing her masters in english Literature, while talking with news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) said that she started writing when she was 15 years old, and Zoon is the first book that has recreated the theme of HabbaKhatoon's poetry and essence.

121. The first ever UN Food Systems Summit to be held in September 2021 to strategize the actions for positive change in Agri-food systems. Which organisation has called for it?

- (a) FAO
- (b) UNSC
- (c) UNESCO
- (d) UNGA
- (e) WHO

Answer: B

The United Nations Secretary General António Guterres has called for the first ever UN Food Systems Summit to be held in September 2021 to strategize the actions for positive change in Agri-food systems in the World to realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Summit will focus on levers and pathways to shape food systems nationally and globally to accelerate progress in the SDGs.

122. Flipkart has partnered with which of the following groups to strengthen its supply chain infrastructure and enhance its ability to serve its rapidly growing base of customers?

- (a) Reliance Group
- (b) TATA Group
- (c) Adani Group
- (d) Hinduja Group
- (e) None of these

Answer: C

E-commerce giant Flipkart has formed a strategic and commercial partnership with the Adani group to “strengthen its supply chain infrastructure” and “enhance its ability to serve its rapidly growing base of customers”.

Under the partnership, Adani Logistics will construct a 534,000 sqft fulfilment centre at its upcoming logistics hub in Mumbai that will be leased to Flipkart.

The centre is expected to be operational in Q3 2022 and will have the capacity to house 10 million units of sellers' inventory at any point.

In addition to strengthening Flipkart's supply chain infrastructure to support MSMEs and sellers, the facility will enhance local employment and create 2,500 direct jobs and thousands of indirect jobs.

123. Dutee Chand will receive the Chhattisgarh Veerni Award virtually. She belongs to which sports?

- (a) Wrestler
- (b) Sprinter

- (c) Soccer
- (d) Javelin Thrower
- (e) Swimmer

Answer: B

Dutee Chand, the Jakarta Asian Games silver-medalist in 100 and 200 metres sprinting, will receive Chhattisgarh Veer Award.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the inaugural edition of the awards ceremony will be held virtually on April 14.

The award, instituted by the Chhattisgarh state government, recognises contribution of Indian women in different fields, including sports.

In 2019, the Odisha sprinter became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the World University Games held in Italy.

Dutee, who holds the national record of 11.22 secs in 100m, is aiming to achieve Tokyo Olympics qualification time of 11.15 secs in the coming months.

124. Chandra Nayudu, India's first female cricket commentator has passed away recently. What was her actual profession?

- (a) Professor
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Novelist
- (d) Politician
- (e) Doctor

Answer: A

India's first female cricket commentator Chandra Nayudu died at the age of 88 after battling a prolonged illness at her residence.

Nayudu was the daughter of legendary cricketer C K Nayudu, the first captain of the Indian cricket team in test matches who led the team in the country's cricket debut at Lord's in 1932.

Nayudu, a retired professor in English, is best remembered for her cricket commentaries in the 1970's.

She had also penned a book titled 'CK Nayudu: A Daughter Remembers' on her late father, who was a distinguished cricketer.

125. The centre has extended the foreign trade policy that provides export-linked incentives to _____ from its current date 31 March 2021.

- (a) 30th April
- (b) 30th July
- (c) 30th June
- (d) 30th September
- (e) 31st April

Answer: D

The centre extended the foreign trade policy that provides export-linked incentives till 30th September this year.

The existing foreign trade policy 2015-2020 was to expire on March 31 this year.

Last year, the government had extended the policy till 31 March 2021, in light of Covid-19, to help exporters grapple with the pandemic and the slowdown induced by it.

Under the FTP, the government offers incentives under various import-linked export schemes such as Duty-Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG).

126. NASA has decided to send the first person of colour to the lunar surface as part of its ambitious international spaceflight programme, 'Artemis'. What is the meaning of Artemis in Greek?

- (a) God of the Moon
- (b) Goddess of the Moon
- (c) God of the Sun
- (d) Goddess of the Space
- (e) Goddess of the Sun

Answer: B

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the US space agency, has said that in addition to landing the first woman on the Moon, it also plans to send the first person of colour to the lunar surface as part of its ambitious international spaceflight programme, 'Artemis'.

The mission, endorsed by the Biden-Harris administration, aims to land astronauts on the lunar south pole by 2024 and create sustainable missions to the earth's natural satellite by 2028.

The 'Artemis' program is so named after the Greek goddess of the Moon and the twin sister of Apollo, the inspiration behind Nasa's first moon landing mission.

127. Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises has been focussed by the

convergence of two ministries. What is the total outlay of the scheme?

- (a) 15,000 crores
- (b) 10,000 crores
- (c) 20,000 crores
- (d) 17,000 crores
- (e) 12,000 crores

Answer: B

Centre's key ministries -- Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) and Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) -- have decided to converge their various schemes to support Self-Help Group entrepreneurs in food processing.

The convergence between the two Ministries is specifically focussed on the Centrally sponsored Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM-FME) scheme -- an all-India scheme to be implemented over a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore.

The scheme envisions to directly assist the 2,00,000 micro food processing units for providing financial, technical, and business support for upgradation of existing micro food processing enterprises.

128. LT Foods Limited has become the first Company globally to be certified with the highest level of verification. What is the certified verification for the sustainable cultivation of rice?

- (a) L5 SRP
- (b) L1 SRP
- (c) L4 SRP

(d) L3 SRP

(e) L2 SRP

Answer: D

LT Foods Limited has become the first Company globally to be certified with the highest level of verification – L3, by UN-backed Sustainable Rice Platform ecolabel.

This will enable the Company to use the Sustainable Rice Platform verified logo on the packs of Rice produced by verified 1,000+ farmers growing sustainable rice.

LT Foods works with farmers to grow sustainable & residue free basmati rice as per the SRP standards under its Agri Program.

“Preferred by Nature”, the first verification body accredited by SRP, audited 1000+ paddy farmers associated with LT Foods in the states of Haryana and Punjab covering 4700 hectares of land.

The L3 SRP certification is the best degree of verification for the sustainable cultivation of rice.

129. Adani Ports has become India's _____ group to cross USD 100 billion in market capitalization with three of its shares raised to all time high.

(a) 2nd

(b) 5th

(c) 4th

(d) 3rd

(e) 1st

Answer: D

Billionaire Gautam Adani's ports-to-energy conglomerate has become India's third group to cross USD 100 billion in market capitalization with shares of four of its six listed companies soaring to an all-time high.

The total market cap of Adani Group's six listed companies at the close of trading was Rs 7.84 lakh crore or USD 106.8 billion, according to stock exchange data.

Adani Group is the third Indian conglomerate to cross the USD 100 billion market cap mark after Tata Group and Reliance Industries Ltd.

130. Bachi Singh Rawat has passed away recently due to Lung infection. He belongs to which field?

(a) Politician

(b) Journalist

(c) Author

(d) Sports Person

(e) Businessperson

Answer: A

Former Union minister and senior BJP leader Bachi Singh Rawat died at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences He was 71. Rawat was admitted to the hospital after he complained of difficulty in breathing. Bachi Singh Rawat was a four-time MP from the Almora-Pithoragarh constituency and had defeated former chief minister and Congress leader Harish Rawat thrice in consecutive elections.

131. Which of the following companies has partnered with Gramcover to collectively enhance rural insurance penetration?

- (a) Life Insurance Corporation of India Limited
- (b) National Insurance Company of India Limited
- (c) Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited
- (d) New India Assurance Company Limited
- (e) United India Insurance Company Limited

Answer: C

The Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited has partnered with Gramcover, to collectively enhance rural insurance penetration.

Gramcover is a tech-enabled insurance marketplace for rural India, seeks to address the rural insurance problem by using a 360-degree approach and a synergistic business model, is backed by investors- Omnivore, EMVC, Flourish, and Omidyar Network India.

GramCover has, since inception, enabled over 1.3 million Indian farmers with insurance through its technology led distribution and servicing model.

The Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited was established on December 20, 2002 under the Indian Companies Act, 1956.

132. The crime branch of Chandigarh Police arrested the Axis Bank security guard Sunil Kumar. He has stolen approximately how much amount from the bank?

- (a) 5 Cr
- (b) 4 Cr
- (c) 3 Cr

(d) 2 Cr

(e) 6 Cr

Answer: B

The crime branch of Chandigarh Police arrested Axis Bank security guard Sunil Kumar and recovered most of the ₹4.04 crore that he stole from the bank's currency chest in Sector 34.

The accused had managed to spend ₹86,000 of the stolen amount on buying mobile phone and clothes and paying for his stay at a hotel in Raipur Rani.

While ₹3.14 lakh were found in Sunil's backpack when he was arrested from Shastri Nagar in Manimajra, after being followed from Raipur Rani, ₹4 crore were recovered from a bag hidden in the jungle area near Hallomajra, upon his interrogation.

133. Iran has celebrated its National Day of Nuclear Technology with an event held at which city of Iran?

- (a) Gilan
- (b) South Khorasan
- (c) Tehran
- (d) Kurdistan
- (e) North Khorasan

Answer: C

Iran celebrated its National Day of Nuclear Technology with an event held simultaneously in Tehran and in nuclear sites in different Iranian cities, in which advanced IR-6 centrifuges started operating, and more than 100 other nuclear industry innovations were unveiled.

During the event, 164 IR-6 semi-industrial centrifuges were injected with gas and became fully

operational at Iran's uranium enrichment plant in Natanz, and 30 IR-6S centrifuges entered the first phase of gas injection at the same plant, official news agency IRNA reported.

The Iranian flag waves in front of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) headquarters, before the beginning of a board of governors meeting, in Vienna, Austria, March 1, 2021.

134. The International Day for Monuments and Sites was celebrated every year on which of the following day?

- (a) 15th April
- (b) 17th April
- (c) 20th April
- (d) 16th April
- (e) 18th April

Answer: E

Every year, the United Nations marks April 18 as the International Day for Monuments and Sites.

The theme for this year is "Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures".

Globally, the day is promoted by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

However, this 18 April 2021 was not like in previous years. With the world almost entirely under lockdown, few gatherings, guided tours or trips were allowed. But that did not stop heritage experts and enthusiasts from all over the planet to celebrate our monuments and sites through the organisation of online events: conferences, challenges, virtual meetings and many other innovative initiatives.

135. 'The Cursed Inheritance' is a book written by SutapaBasu, an Auther Award for Best Fiction 2020 winner. It was her _____ book.

- (a) Seventh
- (b) Second
- (c) Fifth
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Third

Answer: A

SutapaBasu, a TOI Write India winner and Auther Award for Best Fiction 2020 winner, released her seventh book 'The Cursed Inheritance' in February 2021.

After penning short stories, psychological thriller, mytho-fiction and historical fiction, this time Sutapa has ventured into the arena of thrillers.

'The Cursed Inheritance' follows a young protagonist Anahita Sarkar, who has always lived in London.

After losing her father, Anahita discovers that she and her brother Robin have inherited their family's palatial mansion in Kolkata which they have never seen before. Anahita travels to Kolkata, in order to sell off the family property but she soon realises that the house has its own dark secrets from the past.

The more she tries to find out, the further she is intrigued to know the family's cursed past which puts her family's reputation and her own values at stake.

136. Bhumidhar Barman has recently passed away. He was the former Chief Minister of which of the following states?

(a) Nagaland

(b) Assam

(c) Odisha

(d) Rajasthan

(e) Punjab

Answer: B

Former Assam Chief Minister and seven-time MLA, Dr Bhumidhar Barman, passed away in Guwahati after prolonged illness. He was 90.

The government of Assam has declared a three-day state mourning.

Dr Barman held the post of Chief Minister between April 1996 and May 1996 following the death of former CM Hiteswar Saikia, and later in 2010, when former CM late Tarun Gogoi was on leave on medical grounds.

Dr Barman, a graduate of the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh, has represented the Lower Assam constituencies of Nalbari West, Dharmapur and Barkhetri.

137. Who among the following has attended the Army chiefs' conclave held at Dhaka Bangladesh on the sidelines of a multinational military exercise?

(a) MM Naravane

(b) Ajay Kumar

(c) Mohan Kumar

(d) Chandi Prasad Mohanty

(e) R.L. Mathur

Answer: A

Indian Army chief General MM Naravane attended the Army Chiefs' Conclave held in Dhaka, on the sidelines of a multinational military exercise.

General Naravane, who is in Bangladesh on a five-day official tour, delivered a keynote address on "Changing Nature of Global Conflicts: Role of UN Peacekeepers", the Indian Army's additional directorate general of public information.

The year 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh, the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan and the birth centenary of 'Bangabandhu' Mujibur Rahman.

138. The new upcoming Budget could unveil a new and continuous framework of faster resolution for which of the following disputes?

(a) Cyber Crime

(b) Indirect Tax

(c) Stolen Money

(d) Money Laundering

(e) Direct tax

Answer: E

The upcoming budget could unveil a new and continuous framework for faster resolution of disputes over direct taxes.

The government is considering options such as mediation or a permanent dispute resolution system with pre-specified benchmarks on the lines of the 'Vivad Se Vishwas' scheme have been discussed, a person familiar with the pre-budget discussions said. According to the FY21 budget, more than Rs 8 lakh crore is locked up in direct tax disputes.

139. Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages, a book written by Peggy Mohan. This book is a study of_____.

- (a) Crown
- (b) Treasures
- (c) Culture
- (d) Languages
- (e) Wisdom

Answer: D

A new book delving into the early history of South Asia reveals how migration — both external and internal — has shaped both, Indians and Indian languages from ancient times.

Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages, published by Penguin Random House India, is written by noted linguist Peggy Mohan.

The book, through an incisive study of languages, such as the story of early Sanskrit, the rise of Urdu, language formation in the North-east, presents the argument that "all Indians are of mixed origins.

140. A virtual mega Summit 'Amazon Smbhav' was held recently. It was _____ edition of virtual summit.

- (a) Fifth
- (b) First
- (c) Second
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Third

Answer: C

Amazon Smbhav is a virtual mega summit that puts forth how Amazon and our partners leverage digitization, technology & our ecosystem to drive infinite possibilities for a Digital India.

The 4-day summit focused on getting diverse perspectives from eminent speakers on areas that are most relevant for India's growth.

Amazon India announced that it will host the second edition of 'Amazon Smbhav' during April 15-18, 2021.

As part of Amazon's commitment to digitally enable small & medium businesses in India, Amazon Pay announced that it has empowered over 50 lakh neighborhood stores & businesses with its digital payment's infrastructure.

This milestone achievement was revealed by Amazon's Senior Vice President, Russell Grandinetti, in conversation with Nandan Nilekani during the session 'innovating for a better India' at Amazon Smbhav.

141. A Bengaluru-based business services provider, Qess Corp has acquired how much percent stake in Conneqt Business Solutions Ltd worth ₹208 crore?

- (a) 50%
- (b) 20%
- (c) 40%
- (d) 70%
- (e) 30%

Answer: E

Quess Corp, a Bengaluru-based business services provider, has acquired the residual 30 per cent stake in Conneqt Business Solutions Ltd for ₹208 crore, pursuant to a put option notice by Tata Sons.

Quess had acquired 51 percent of Conneqt in November 2017, and further increased its stake in Conneqt from 51 percent to 70 percent in May 2019, via infusion of primary capital, which was used to fund the acquisition of Allsec Technologies Ltd. Following the transaction, Conneqt will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Quess, the company said in a press statement.

SurajMoraje, Group CEO and Managing Director of Quess Corp.

142. Which of the following ports has hired SBI Caps Ltd to act as transaction advisor for the privatisation of the container terminal run by the port authority?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust
- (b) Kandla port
- (c) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port
- (d) V.O. Chidambaranar Port
- (e) New Mangalore Port

Answer: A

State-run Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust has hired SBI Caps Ltd to act as transaction advisor for the privatisation of the container terminal run by the port authority itself.

The plan to privatise the terminal through the public-private-partnership route was cleared by the port's board of trustees in December and is currently being

vetted by the standing finance committee (SFC) in the ministry of ports, shipping and waterways.

The project is estimated to cost Rs863.31 crore, including berth upgradation and replacement/deployment of other equipment.

143. The Senior Asian Wrestling Championships was held recently in Almaty, Kazakhstan. What is the edition of the Wrestling Championship?

- (a) 34th
- (b) 30th
- (c) 31st
- (d) 35th
- (e) 32nd

Answer: A

The 2021 Senior Asian Wrestling Championships was held from April 13 to 18, 2021 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The event was the 34th edition of the Asian Wrestling Championships.

India won 14 medals to stand in the third spot on the medal table.

The medals include 5 Gold, 3 Silver & 6 Bronze Medals. Iran and Kazakhstan topped the medal tally with 17 medals each.

144. Bank market share in individual mortgages has risen from 62 % in 2017-18 to _____ in 2019-2020.

- (a) 66%
- (b) 61 %
- (c) 60%
- (d) 67%

(e) 63%

Answer: D

Bank market share in individual mortgages rose from 62% in 2017-18 to 67% in 2019-20, while mortgage lender market share fell from 38% to 33%.

Bank growth remains faster than HFC's growth pace, partly supported by portfolio buyouts, to increase market share in personal loans, according to the National Housing Bank's latest Indian housing trends and progress report.

In 2018-19, the bank and HFC market shares for personal mortgages (IHL) were 64% and 36%, respectively. The overall growth rate of (Individual House Loan) IHL for banks and (Housing Finance companies) HFC combined was 16% in 2018-19 and 10% in 2019-20.

145. Recently, Puma Sportswear brand has appointed long-term brand ambassadors. Who among the following is not among them?

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) RavichanderAshwin
- (c) DevduttPadikkal
- (d) Yuvraj Singh
- (e) Washington Sundar

Answer: B

Global sportswear brand Puma has signed long-term endorsement deals with cricketers Washington Sundar and DevduttPadikkal.

The duo will be joining the company's roster of brand ambassadors that include Indian captain Virat Kohli; wicketkeeper-batsman KL Rahul; women's

national cricketer, Sushma Verma and veteran cricketer Yuvraj Singh.

Puma India, which recently announced its partnership with Royal Challengers Bangalore, has been consistently investing in India's sport ecosystem.

146. Sanjay Yadav has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court by replacing whom among the following?

- (a) R.Pongiappan
- (b) Pankaj Naqvi
- (c) Manoj Kumar Gupta
- (d) Rajan Roy
- (e) Govind Mathur

Answer: E

The Supreme Court Collegium recommended the elevation of Justice Sanjay Yadav as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court.

Justice Sanjay Yadav has been serving as the Acting Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court since April 14, 2021, after former Chief Justice, Govind Mathur demitted the office.

147. Which cyclone has reported as the costliest tropical cyclone on record for the North Indian Ocean with economic losses in India of approximately USD 14 billion?

- (a) Cyclone Amphan
- (b) Cyclone Maha
- (c) Cyclone Tailgate
- (d) Cyclone Kyarr

(e) Cyclone Nisarga

Answer: A

Cyclone Amphan, which made landfall last year near the India-Bangladesh border, was the costliest tropical cyclone on record for the North Indian Ocean, with reported economic losses in India of approximately USD 14 billion, a flagship UN report has said.

The 'State of the Global Climate 2020' report, released, said that extreme weather combined with Covid-19 dealt a double blow for millions of people in 2020.

148. The first unit of the indigenously built ALH Mk III aircraft, Indian Naval Air Squadron 323, has been commissioned into the Indian Navy in which city?

- (a) Cochin
- (b) Goa
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Ahmedabad
- (e) Vizag

Answer: B

Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 323, the first unit of the indigenously built ALH Mk III aircraft, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Shripad Naik and Vice Admiral R Hari Kumar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Naval Command, at INS Hansa, Goa on 19 April 2021.

Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri said that the commissioning of INAS 323 marked yet another milestone in the efforts towards

enhancing maritime security and safeguarding maritime interests of the nation, as also embodying the spirit of AtmaNirbhar Bharat.

149. The Asian Development Bank has partnered with Habitat for Humanity International to help microfinance institutions deliver housing loans to low-income families in rural and peri-urban areas to some countries. Which among the following is not in the list?

- (a) India
- (b) Philippines
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Indonesia
- (e) Nepal

Answer: E

The Asian Development Bank has teamed with Habitat for Humanity International to help microfinance institutions deliver housing loans to low-income families in rural and peri-urban areas of Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The collaboration will expand ADB's Microfinance Risk Participation and Guarantee Program to include microloans for housing, home improvement, and water and sanitation for vulnerable and climate change-exposed communities.

ADB will help MFIs obtain financing for these purposes from commercial banks of up to \$30 million in the first phase. Habitat for Humanity will build the MFIs' capacity to design, pilot-test, and roll out the loans, with technical assistance from ADB.

150. Kim Boo-kyum was recently nominated as the new Prime Minister of which of the following countries?

- (a) Vietnam
- (b) South Korea
- (c) South Sudan
- (d) Hongkong
- (e) South Africa

Answer: B

South Korean President Moon Jae nominated interior minister Kim Boo-kyum as the new Prime Minister of the country.

The nomination will now have to get approved in the parliamentary confirmation hearings.

Apart from the Prime Minister, the president also nominated new land, labour, industry, science and oceans ministers.

151. Australia has announced approximately how much assistance to the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative in partnership with India?

- (a) 11 Cr
- (b) 3 Cr
- (c) 8 Cr
- (d) 6 Cr
- (e) 9 Cr

Answer: C

As India and Australia increase engagement under the Indo-Pacific vision, Canberra (April 19, 2021) announced a Rs 8.12 crore grant under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

The IPOI was proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the East-Asia Summit in November 2019 and Australia is co-leading New Delhi in the marine ecology pillar of the initiative.

The Australian-India Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative Partnership (AIPOIP) is an initiative under the Australian-India Joint Declaration on a Shared Vision for Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

This initiative will aid in shaping maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific to build and sustain an open, resilient, prosperous, inclusive, and rules-based maritime order.

The AIPOIP was announced during the Leaders' Virtual Summit on June 4, 2020.

The AIPOIP is a four-year grant program (2020-2024). The grant round one of this initiative will be commissioned in 2021.

152. Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad has been selected to host which of the following games in November 2021?

- (a) ODI
- (b) T20 World Cup
- (c) Test Matches Final
- (d) T20 World Cup Final
- (e) Test Matches

Answer: D

Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium will host the T20 World Cup final in November this year.

The BCCI has zeroed in on eight venues in all for the October-November T20 Cup, which include

Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Dharamshala.

Moreover, the Pakistan cricket team will have no difficulty in travelling to India for the ICC T20 World Cup as the government is set to grant visas to the players from the neighbouring nation.

153. Ganjam Venkatasubbaiah has recently passed away in April 2021. He was the lexicographer of which among the following language?

- (a) Kannada
- (b) Tamil
- (c) Telugu
- (d) Malayalam
- (e) Sanskrit

Answer: A

Kannada lexicographer Professor

Ganjam Venkatasubbaiah passed away in Bengaluru. He was 107.

Venkatasubbaiah was commonly known in literary circles as a walking encyclopaedia of Kannada language and culture.

He had compiled 12 dictionaries, including three volumes of Igo Kannada (A Socio-Linguistic Dictionary of Kannada), edited over 24 literary works covering different forms of Kannada literature such as poetry, grammar and essays and has also translated into Kannada eight important works from other languages.

Venkatasubbaiah had also authored four seminal works on dictionary science in Kannada, edited over 60 books and published several papers.

154. As per the report of International Energy Agency, the global Carbon dioxide emissions has raised for the second time high to _____.

- (a) 2.0 billion tonnes
- (b) 1.5 billion tonnes
- (c) 3.5 billion tonnes
- (d) 2.5 billion tonnes
- (e) 1.0 billion tonnes

Answer: B

Global energy-related carbon dioxide emissions are on course to surge by 1.5 billion tonnes in 2021 - the second-largest increase in history - reversing most of last year's decline caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a new International Energy Agency (IEA) report shows.

This will be the biggest annual rise in emissions since 2010 during the carbon-intensive recovery from the global financial crisis.

The IEA's Global Energy Review 2021 estimates that CO2 emissions will increase by almost 5 per cent this year to 33 billion tonnes, based on the latest national data from around the world as well as real-time analysis of economic growth trends and new energy projects that are set to come online.

155. The UN Chinese Language Day is observed every year on April 20. In which year, it was first observed?

- (a) 2013
- (b) 2011
- (c) 2009

(d) 2012

(e) 2010

Answer: E

The UN Chinese Language Day is observed annually on April 20.

This event is celebrated every year by UNESCO. It was first observed in 2010 by the organisation to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six of its official working languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) through the organisation.

The first UN Chinese Language Day was held on November 12, 2010. In 2011, the date was moved to April 20.

156. Which of the following countries has recently been appointed its first Women Prime Minister, JaniraHoppfer?

(a) Ethiopia

(b) Niger

(c) Sierra

(d) Cape Verde

(e) Malawi

Answer: D

Cape Verde could see it's the first female head of government as the Island nation votes in legislative elections.

At just 42 years old, JaniraHopfferAlmada is hoping to make history as the next prime minister if her socialist party PAICV wins the election.

Since 2016 the centre right MMpD party of Prime Minister UlissesCorreia e Silva has been in charge. Voters this year are taking the effects of the coronavirus pandemic into account.

157. Which country government is set to acquire 100 % shares of AirtelTigo along with all customers, assets and liabilities?

(a) Senegal

(b) Ivory Coast

(c) Ghana

(d) Togo

(e) Guinea-Bissau

Answer: C

The government of Ghana, Bharti Airtel and Millicom International Cellular S.A. announced execution of the definitive agreement for transfer of 'AirtelTigo' to Government of Ghana, on a going concern basis. In the proposed agreement, the Government of Ghana will acquire 100% shares of AirtelTigo along with all customers, assets and liabilities.

Basis the agreement, the transaction will entail a takeover by the Government of Ghana post which AirtelTigo would become and operate as a state-entity.

158. The finance ministry has extended the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme apart from the _____ sectors identified by the Kamath Committee.

(a) 19

(b) 23

- (c) 32
- (d) 26
- (e) 34

Answer: D

The finance ministry expanded the scope of the ₹3 lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme which will now cover borrowers from the healthcare segment, apart from the 26 sectors identified by the Kamath Committee.

Last month, the government had extended the scheme by three months till June 30 and expanded its scope to cover enterprises in hospitality, travel and tourism, leisure and sporting sectors.

159. DilharaLokuhehtige, former Sri Lanka player, has been banned from all forms of cricket for how many years after he was found guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code?

- (a) Eight
- (b) Six
- (c) Three
- (d) Two
- (e) Five

Answer: A

Former Sri Lanka player DilharaLokuhehtige has been banned from all crickets for eight years after he was found guilty of breaching the ICC Anti-Corruption Code by an ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal. The ban is backdated to April 3, 2019, when he was provisionally suspended, the International Cricket Council said in a statement.

He has been found guilty of three charges of the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

He was charged under the ICC Anti-Corruption Code in November 2019 but exercised his right to a hearing.

The three-member tribunal also found him guilty of the charges.

160. Renowned Marathi director SumitraBhave has passed away recently. Which among the following films was not directed by her?

- (a) Kaasav
- (b) VastuPurush
- (c) Astu
- (d) Chumbak
- (e) DahaviFa

Answer: D

SumitraBhave, renowned Marathi director and writer, died at 78 in Pune.

The filmmaker was reportedly battling lung-related ailments and was under observation at a private hospital in the city.

Many prominent celebrities from the Marathi film industry took to social media to pay their respect to the late director.

Bhave is known for films like Kaasav, Samhita, Astu, Welcome Home, VastuPurush, DahaviFa and Devrai, among others.

161. The Reserve Bank has decided not to activate the CCyB framework as the current situation does not warrant such an action. What is B in CCyB?

- (a) Countercyclical capital Buffer
- (b) Countercyclical capital Balance
- (c) Countercyclical capital Bancassurance
- (d) Countercyclical capital Bond
- (e) Countercyclical capital Borrower

Answer: A

The Reserve Bank has decided not to activate the countercyclical capital buffer (CCyB) framework as the current situation does not warrant such an action.

The RBI in February 2005 had put in place CCyB guidelines with the overall objective of strengthening the banking sector.

It was envisaged that the CCyB would be activated as and when the circumstances warranted.

CCyB is the capital to be kept by a bank to meet business cycle related risks.

It is aimed to protect the banking sector against losses from changes in economic conditions. Banks may face difficulties in phases like recession when the loan amount doesn't return.

162. The Drugs Controller General of India has recently ordered the extension of validity of licence for regulated medical Licence for additional how many months?

- (a) 3 Months
- (b) 5 Months
- (c) 4 Months
- (d) 2 Months
- (e) 6 Months

Answer: E

In a bid to ensure continued access and easy import of CT Scan, X-Ray, MRI machines etc the Drugs Controller General (India) ordered extension of the validity of licence for additional six months, for those manufacturers who have already submitted their applications.

The union health ministry had earlier notified eight medical items-- all Implantable Medical Devices, CT scan equipment, MRI equipment, Defibrillators, PET Equipment, Dialysis Machine, X-Ray Machine and Bone marrow cell separator--to be regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act which was to come into effect from 1st April, 2021 under Medical Devices Rules 2017).

163. The National Cooperative Development Corporation has signed an MOU with which among the following IIT for the development of cooperatives, agriculture and allied sectors?

- (a) IIT Kharagpur
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Roorkee
- (d) IIT Kanpur
- (e) IIT Madras

Answer: A

IIT Kharagpur and the National Cooperative Development Corporation have signed an MoU for collaboration in areas pertaining to the development of cooperatives, agriculture and allied sectors.

The aim is also to foster a holistic approach towards sustainable development.

The MoU is an outcome of NCDC joining forces with the Agricultural and Food Engineering Department of IIT KGP so that relevant innovations could be disseminated to empower the rural sector through cooperatives and farmer producer organisations (FPOs).

The initiative will provide support towards 'Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organisation'.

164. Name the state which was recently appreciated by the Chief Justice of India for the Uniform civil code.

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Goa
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Tamil Nadu

Answer: C

Chief Justice of India S A Bobde recently appreciated the uniform civil code in Goa, the only state to have one.

This brought the spotlight back on the UCC debate, although the Law Commission had concluded in 2018 that a UCC is neither desirable nor feasible. No expert committee on the lines of the Hindu Law Reforms Committee of 1941 has ever been constituted, nor has any blueprint for a UCC been prepared.

165. How much amount has been approximately approved by the central government for the Bangalore Metro Rail Project phases 2A and 2B?

- (a) 14781 Cr
- (b) 14785 Cr
- (c) 14787 Cr
- (d) 14780 Cr
- (e) 14788 Cr

Answer: E

The Centre approved the Bangalore Metro Rail Project phases 2A and 2B, Union minister Piyush Goyal said.

While the rail project phase 2A is between Central Silk Board Junction to K R Puram, phase 2B is between K R Puram to the airport via Hebbal Junction.

The total length of the project is 58.19 km.

The approval was given at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The total cost of completion of the project is Rs 14,788.101 crore.

166. Recently the cabinet has approved an exclusive subsidy policy for which among the following products through coal gasification route by Talcher Fertiliser Limited?

- (a) Phosphorous
- (b) Nitrogen
- (c) Ammonia
- (d) Urea
- (e) Sulphate

Answer: D

The cabinet approved an exclusive subsidy policy for urea produced through coal gasification route by Talcher Fertiliser Limited.

The decision will pave the way for using the country's vast coal reserve to produce urea.

“The project would improve availability of urea to farmers thereby reducing urea imports to the tune of 12.7 lakh tonnes per annum leading to savings in foreign exchange,” commerce minister Piyush Goyal said after the cabinet meeting.

The estimated cost of this first of its kind project in India is about Rs 13,277 crore, he added. Urea is a widely used fertiliser in India.

167. How much amount has been given as the insurance cover for frontline healthcare providers engaged in COVID-19 duty under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme?

- (a) ₹20 Lakh
- (b) ₹50 Lakh
- (c) ₹80 Lakh
- (d) ₹30 Lakh
- (e) ₹60 Lakh

Answer: B

Under its ₹50 lakh insurance scheme for frontline healthcare providers engaged in COVID-19 duty, payment has been made in 95 cases of death of such workers while 176 claims are being processed, the Union Health Ministry said.

He said payment has been made in 95 cases of deaths of frontline healthcare workers engaged in COVID-19 duty under the insurance scheme.

The ₹50-lakh insurance cover 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package Insurance Scheme for Health

Workers Fighting COVID-19' was announced on March 30 for a period of 90 days.

The scheme was further extended for another 180 days i.e. six months.

This central sector scheme provides an insurance cover of Rs 50 lakh to healthcare providers, including community health workers, who may have to be in direct contact and care of Covid-19 patients and therefore at a risk of being infected.

168. According to the UNFPA flagship State of World Population Report 2021 titled 'My Body is My Own', how much % of women are fully empowered to make choices over healthcare globally?

- (a) 55%
- (b) 51%
- (c) 60%
- (d) 58%
- (e) 50%

Answer: A

Nearly half the women from 57 developing countries do not have the right to make decisions regarding their bodies, including using contraception, seeking healthcare or even on their sexuality, according to the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) flagship State of World Population Report 2021 titled 'My Body is My Own' launched.

The report shows that in countries where data is available, only 55% of women are fully empowered to make choices over healthcare, contraception and the ability to say yes or no to sex.

It also highlights that only 75% of countries legally ensure full and equal access to contraception.

About United Nations Population Fund:

It is a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly and works as a sexual and reproductive health agency.

It was established as a trust fund in 1967 and began operations in 1969

169. Which country has ratified the world's largest free trade agreement of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership among the ASEAN member countries?

- (a) China
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Australia
- (e) Japan

Answer: C

Singapore formally ratified the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), the world's largest free trade agreement, making it the first Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member state to do so.

All 10 members of ASEAN and other key partners, including Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand, and South Korea, signed the world's largest free trade agreement at a RCEP leaders' summit last November.

India has opted out in 2019.

170. Which country has been elected to three key bodies of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council in April 2021?

- (a) Tajikistan
- (b) India
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) Japan
- (e) Kazakhstan

Answer: B

India has been elected to three key bodies of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council. These bodies are the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), Executive Board of UN Women, Executive Board of the World Food Programme.

CCPCJ, based in Vienna, acts as the principal policy-making body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

The CCPCJ has 40 member states that are elected by ECOSOC and is chaired by a Bureau, including one member per Regional Group.

171. As per the ICRA rating agency, India's GDP is expected to rise _____ % from its previous estimation 10-11%.

- (a) 10 – 10.5%
- (b) 11 - 12%
- (c) 9% - 10.5%
- (d) 10 – 10.25%
- (e) 11.50% - 12%

Answer: A

Domestic rating agency ICRA cut its 2021-22 growth estimate by 0.5 per cent on the upper end, as a newer spate of lockdowns and restrictions get imposed in pockets to arrest the rising COVID-19 cases.

The agency now expects the economy to grow 10-10.5 per cent in 2021-22, against the 10-11 per cent estimated **earlier**.

172. Bitex is the first Crypto currency exchange which issues the investment declaration reports for all its retail and institutional investors in compliance with the amendments made to the Companies Act 2013. Bitex is _____ country based crypto currency.

- (a) Ecuador
- (b) UAE
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Bulgaria
- (e) Bolivia

Answer: B

UAE based Global Cryptocurrency Exchange Bitex announced that it has commenced providing Investment Declaration Report for all its retail and institutional investors, becoming the first Exchange in India to comply with the recent amendments made to the Companies Act 2013 by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Earlier this month, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs had sought full disclosure of crypto transactions and holdings by companies making it mandatory for companies to declare cryptocurrency investments.

The Government has earlier also indicated that the income from cryptocurrency gains will be taxable under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

173. The World Homeopathy Awareness Week is celebrated annually between which of the following days?

- (a) April 11th -17th
- (b) April 13th -19th
- (c) April 14th -20th
- (d) April 10th -16th
- (e) April 12th -18th

Answer: D

World Homeopathy Awareness Week is celebrated annually between April 10th and April 16th.

Organised by the World Homeopathy Awareness Organisation, the week is a celebration of both homeopaths and those who have been healed with homeopathy.

The date of 10th April was chosen to mark the start of this event as it is the birthday of Dr Samuel Hahnemann, the German physician who is credited with creating homeopathy.

During the week, there are free public events held across the world, such as lectures, media interviews and free and reduced-price clinics.

174. Which among the following countries is not in the list of global winners of the ICC development awards for 2020?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) Vanuatu

- (c) Argentina
- (d) Uganda
- (e) Zimbabwe

Answer: E

Argentina, Brazil, Uganda and Vanuatu were announced as the global winners of the ICC development awards for 2020.

The awards are given to members for working to grow cricket in emerging markets in partnership with the ICC across four categories

Following are the announcements across the four categories:

The global award for the ICC Development Initiative of the Year has been awarded to Cricket Argentina.

Cricket Brazil has been awarded the 100% Cricket Female Cricket Initiative of the Year.

The ICC Digital Fan Engagement of the Year has been awarded to Vanuatu Cricket.

The Uganda Cricket Association has won the Cricket 4 Good Social Impact Initiative of the Year.

175. April 21 has been celebrated as the Civil Services day to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressing the probationers of Administrative Services Officers while he served as _____ minister of independent India.

- (a) Finance Minister
- (b) Army Minister
- (c) Prime Minister
- (d) Home Minister
- (e) Navy Minister

Answer: D

The Government of India celebrates April 21 every year as 'Civil Services day' as an occasion for the civil servants to rededicate themselves to the cause of citizens and renew their commitments to public service and excellence in work.

This date is chosen to commemorate the day when first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers in 1947 at Metcalf House, Delhi, he referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'.

The first such function was held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi 21 April 2006.

176. What is the name of the Neo bank that was created by Google Pay in partnership with Federal bank?

- (a) Gi
- (b) Ni
- (c) Oi
- (d) Di
- (e) Fi

Answer: E

Co-creators of Google Pay, Sujith Narayanan and Sumit Gwalani, are launching Fi, a neobank for salaried millennials in partnership with Federal Bank 1.47 %.

Fi has partnered with Federal Bank for a savings account that users can open in under three minutes, according to a press release.

Neobanks are virtual banks that work online and do not have physical branches.

Founded in 2019, Fi raised \$13.5 million in its seed round led by Sequoia India and Ribbit Capital.

177. The World Creativity and Innovation Day was celebrated every year on April 21. In which year, it was officially recognized?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2019
- (c) 2018
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2011

Answer: A

World Creativity and Innovation Day 2021 celebrates the creative economy that consists of audiovisual products, design, new media, performing arts, publishing and visual arts.

The creativity and innovation sector is a highly transformative sector of the world economy in terms of income generation, job creation and export earnings.

This year we're celebrating the day with the theme , Creative Economy for Sustainable Development. In 2017, the 21st of April was officially recognized by the UN as being the World Creativity and Innovation Day.

178. Dr KakarlaSubbaRao, who served as the first director of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) has passed away. He was conferred Padma Shri award in which year?

- (a) 2000
- (b) 2001

(c) 2004

(d) 2005

(e) 2006

Answer: A

Renowned radiologist, Dr KakarlaSubbaRao, who served as the first director of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, has passed away.

Rao was conferred Padma Shri in 2000, by the Government of India for his contributions to the field of medicine.

He was the founder president of the Telugu Association of North America (TANA), an umbrella organisation for Telugu speaking people in the United States.

179. The AP CM Jagan Mohan Reddy has released Rs 128.47 crore as interest subvention amount directly into savings accounts of Farmers under which of the following schemes?

- (a) YSR RythuBandan Scheme
- (b) YSR Free Crop Insurance scheme
- (c) YSR RythuNiti Scheme
- (d) YSR RythuBharosa Scheme
- (e) YSR Zero Interest Crop Loan Scheme

Answer: E

Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy released Rs 128.47 crore as interest subvention amount directly into savings accounts of 6,27,906 farmers who took crop loans of up to Rs 1 lakh during the 2019-20 Rabi season and repaid them in the stipulated time.

The amount was credited to their accounts under YSR Zero Interest Crop Loan Scheme

(SunnaVaddiPantaRunalu).

The amount (Rs 289 crore) for Kharif 2019-20 was already credited to the accounts of the farmers on previous occasions.

180. IdrissDébyhas died recently following the clashes with rebels in the country. He was the president of which country?

- (a) Gabon
- (b) Chad
- (c) São Tomé & Príncipe
- (d) Equatorial Guinea
- (e) Cameroon

Answer: B

Chad's President IdrissDéby has died of his injuries following clashes with rebels in the north of the country at the weekend, the army has said.

The announcement came a day after provisional election results projected he would win a sixth term in office. Déby, 68, spent more than three decades in power and was one of Africa's longest-serving leaders.

181. Which of the following is the first mutual fund house in India to cross the ₹5 lakh crore average assets under management mark?

- (a) BNP Paribas Mutual Fund
- (b) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- (c) Reliance Mutual Fund
- (d) SBI Funds Management Ltd

(e) Kotak Mutual Fund

Answer: D

SBI Funds Management Pvt Ltd said that it has become the first mutual fund house in India to cross the ₹5 lakh crore average assets under management mark.

In the last one year, SBI MF's average AUM has grown to ₹5.04 lakh crore from ₹3.73 lakh crore, recording a growth of 35 % during the financial year 2020-21.

According to the company, the market share of the fund house has also grown from 13.82% to 15.71% during the last one year.

182.Which state's Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation has signed a memorandum of understanding with The World trade centre to promote and facilitate trade and investment?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Himachal Pradesh
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Haryana

Answer: E

The Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the World Trade Center (WTC) to facilitate trade and investment in Faridabad.

Faridabad has been one of the prime areas of HSIIDC and is home for several e-manufacturing units.

The partnership with WTC will give a platform to HSIIDC and facilitate WTC Faridabad and investors through a single-window clearance system for the necessary application, sanctions, incentive and permissions as per the existing policies/rules and regulations of the state government for bringing investment in Haryana.

WTC Faridabad and HSIIDC have jointly initiated to facilitate mutually beneficial meets, webinars with leading investors from the developed countries, organise symposia, conferences and conventions at various times and locations.

WTC is planning to set up 'WTC Faridabad' in future.

183. MahamatIdrissDébyItno has been charged as a new leader of Chad after his father's death. He is the leader of how many members of the Transitional Military Council?

- (a) 15
- (b) 9
- (c) 12
- (d) 17
- (e) 11

Answer: A

Lt Gen MahamatIdrissDébyItno has been named as the new leader of Chad, after his father IdrissDéby was killed during a battle with rebel forces. Mahamat is now in charge of a 15-member Transitional

Military Council that will be in power for the next 18 months.

He has a reputation for discretion and shunning the limelight, unlike some of his half-brothers. However, he is a battle-hardened soldier like his father.

Mahamat, 37, is the same age as the late Déby was when he took power through a military coup in 1990.

184. As per the reports by World Economic Forum, which country has secured second position in the Energy Transition Index?

- (a) Denmark
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Norway
- (d) Abu Dhabi
- (e) Singapore

Answer: C

India has been ranked at the 87th position among 115 countries in the Energy Transition Index that tracks nations on the current performance of their energy systems across various aspects, according to a report.

The report from the World Economic Forum (WEF) released and prepared in collaboration with Accenture also draws on insights from ETI.

The top 10 countries in the index are Western and Northern European countries, and Sweden is in the first position followed by Norway (2nd) and Denmark (3rd).

185. Reserve Bank of India has issued a show-cause notice to SambandhFinserve Pvt Ltd before

cancelling their licence. SambandhFinserve Pvt Ltd is _____ MFI based company.

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Assam
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer: A

Reserve Bank of India has issued a show-cause notice to fraud-hit SambandhFinserve Pvt Ltd, before cancelling its license.

According to an exclusive report, this happened after SambandhFinserve Pvt Ltd lost its network below the regulatory minimum and its financial situation worsened beyond redemption over the recent months

In October last year, a report by Brickwork Ratings said that the Odisha-based microfinance institution (MFI), SambandhFinserve, defaulted on some repayment obligations even as fraud was discovered at the lender.

186. Recently, two Rhinos were transported to the Manas National Park from which of the following Wildlife Sanctuaries?

- (a) Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary
- (b) Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary
- (c) Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary
- (e) Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: B

Two rhinos, one adult male and one female were released in the central part of the Bansbari range of Manas National Park, Assam.

The rhinos were transported from the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary maintaining strict security and veterinary surveillance protocol, MNP field director AmalChSarmah said.

187. The Conference of State Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has selected the CAG as its external auditor for how many years?

- (a) Five
- (b) Two
- (c) Four
- (d) Six
- (e) Three

Answer: E

India's Comptroller and Auditor General GC Murmu has been chosen as the external auditor by a prestigious intergovernmental organisation working for the elimination of chemical weapons.

The External Affairs Ministry said the Hague-based Conference of State Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons selected the CAG as its external auditor for a three-year term starting 2021.

188. Rekha M Menon is the first female to be appointed as the Chairperson of the National Association of Software and Services Companies.

She is the Chairperson and Senior Managing Director at which among the following company?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Accenture
- (c) L & T
- (d) TCS
- (e) Cognizant

Answer: B

The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) announced the appointment of Rekha M Menon, Chairperson and Senior Managing Director at Accenture in India as its Chairperson for 2021-22.

She is the first woman to take on the role in the association's 30-year history.

Rekha takes on the position from her previous role as Vice Chairperson, succeeding UB Pravin Rao, Chief Operating Officer, Infosys, who served as Chairman of Nasscom for the year 2020-21.

Nasscom also announced the appointment of Krishnan Ramanujam, President and Head of Business & Technology Services, Tata Consultancy Services as their Vice Chairperson for 2021-22.

189. Vedanta Ltd has introduced the Vedanta Saathi programme recently. The programme was launched by which among the following minister?

- (a) Minister of Coal and Mines
- (b) Minister of External Affairs
- (c) Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- (d) Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- (e) Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Answer: E

Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta Ltd has launched the Vedanta Saathi programme through which the company will be creating industrial parks and clusters for the Micro, Small and Medium enterprises in metals, mining and oil & gas space to aid with sourcing finances, raw material and provide R&D facilities.

Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, and Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, launched the programme in the presence of Anil Agarwal, Executive Chairman – Vedanta Resources Ltd.

190. Ola Electric has announced _____ crore investments for setting up its first electric scooter factory in Tamil Nadu.

- (a) ₹ 2100 Cr
- (b) ₹ 2700 Cr
- (c) ₹ 2400 Cr
- (d) ₹ 2600 Cr
- (e) ₹ 2200 Cr

Answer: C

Ola Electric said it will bring its electric scooter to the Indian market in July this year, and is working on setting up a 'Hypercharger Network' to include one lakh charging points across 400 cities.

Last year, Ola had announced a Rs 2,400 crore investment for setting up its first electric scooter factory in Tamil Nadu.

Upon completion, the factory will create nearly 10,000 jobs and will be the world's largest scooter

manufacturing facility that will initially have an annual capacity of 2 million units.

191. The Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 was recently held in Boao, China. This year marks _____ Anniversary.

- (a) 22nd
- (b) 20th
- (c) 18th
- (d) 23rd
- (e) 15th

Answer: B

The opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 was held in Boao, south China's Hainan Province.

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivered a keynote speech via video at the opening ceremony.

This year's conference, attended by more than 2,600 guests from over 60 countries and regions, is themed "A World in Change: Join Hands to Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation."

The forum, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, has not only played a unique role in pooling consensus and putting forward valuable "Boao proposals," but also engaged countries in addressing global issues and promoting world development and prosperity.

192. 'Form Based Codes' has developed for the development of railway land by which among the following?

- (a) Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation
- (b) High Speed Rail Corporation of India Limited
- (c) Rail India Technical and Economic Service
- (d) Container Corporation of India
- (e) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation

Answer: A

The Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited is developing a first-of-its-kind "Form Based Codes" for the development of railway land.

IRSDC, with support from Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, is developing Form Based Codes for designing and approval of layout plans as well as building plans for station areas that ensure a compact, pedestrian-friendly, market responsive, transit oriented, sustainable development.

Several stations across the country are being developed into world-class transit hubs; the first two being Habibganj in Madhya Pradesh and Gandhinagar in Gujarat.

193. As per the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking, the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is the only Indian university to place in the list. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has secured what position in the quality education category?

- (a) Eighth
- (b) Sixth
- (c) Seventh
- (d) Fifth

(e) Eleventh

Answer: D

The Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is the only Indian university to secure a rank amongst the top 100 in the third edition of Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking.

The varsity bagged the 81st position in the university rank list, which consists of 1240 universities from 98 countries and regions.

The rankings are evaluated on the universities' performances of the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has also scored fifth rank for 'quality education' and eight for 'gender equality' globally. In 'good health and well-being', the varsity got 37th position and for 'clean water and sanitation', it is at 52nd.

Previously, the university had its name in the 301-400 set of rankings.

194. An 'Infant Toddler and Caregiver-friendly Neighbourhoods Training and Capacity Building Programme' was launched virtually by NIUA. It comes under which ministry?

- (a) Minister of External Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (c) Minister of Health and Family Welfare
- (d) Minister of Rural Development
- (e) Minister of Home Affairs

Answer: B

An 'Infant Toddler and Caregiver-friendly Neighbourhoods (ITCN) Training and Capacity

Building Programme' was launched virtually by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) in partnership with Bernard van Leer Foundation (BvLF).

The programme is designed to help build capacities of city officials and young professionals for developing young children and family-friendly neighbourhoods within cities, said a press release issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

In addition, an academic certified course for young professionals has been planned to sensitize them about the needs of young citizens (0-5 years) in the city and to equip them with the adequate tools for the purpose.

195. The World Cities Cultural Forum invitation has been accepted by Chief Minister of Delhi. What is the 2021 theme of the World Cities Cultural Forum?

- (a) The Future of City
- (b) The Future of Attitude
- (c) The Future of Economy
- (d) The Future of Philosophy
- (e) The Future of Culture

Answer: E

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will be representing Delhi and India at the World Cities Cultural Forum (WCCF), according to a statement issued by the city government.

He has been invited by Sadiq Khan, the mayor of London, to participate in the forum that comprises 40 world cities, including London, Tokyo and New

York, that recognise the impact and importance of culture and creativity, and seek to inculcate these values in public policy and city planning.

This year's theme, 'The Future of Culture', will play a crucial role in re-imagining the culture of Delhi, especially in the wake of several devastating challenges and Covid-19 crisis faced by the people in the last one year," said.

196. The 3rd Counter-Terrorism Working Group was held recently at White River, South Africa. The 4th edition of CTWG is planned to be held in which country?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) UAE
- (c) Germany
- (d) Malaysia
- (e) Singapore

Answer: A

The two-day seminar was inaugurated by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla. BRICS member states in the 3rd Counter-Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) at White River, South Africa had agreed to establish five sub-working groups dedicated to enhance debates over specific challenges on the counter-terrorism front.

Thereafter, in the 4th CTWG meeting at Brasilia, India was given the Presidency of the sub-working group on "Misuse of Internet for Terrorist Purposes" for one year. NIA organised this two-day seminar while India is holding the Chairmanship of the BRICS for the year 2021.

197. The Chennai based Indian Overseas Bank has appointed whom among the following as its digital consultant to achieve the goal of increasing the share of digital services?

- (a) Boston Consulting Group
- (b) Ernst & Young
- (c) Horvath & Partners
- (d) Cordence Worldwide
- (e) Bain & Company

Answer: B

Indian Overseas Bank has appointed Ernst & Young as digital consultant to achieve the goal of increasing the share of digital services.

With this new initiative, the Bank is poised to attract Millennial customers who are tech-savvy.

The bank will now be confident of providing all customers a hassle free and seamless banking experience, said Partha Pratim Sengupta, Managing Director and CEO of IOB.

198. Indiabulls Housing Finance has partnered with HDFC Ltd to offer housing loans. As per the joint credit policy, how much % of the loan has been provided on the HDFC books?

- (a) 80%
- (b) 35%
- (c) 50%
- (d) 75%
- (e) 20%

Answer: A

Indiabulls Housing Finance and HDFC Ltd have signed a strategic co-lending partnership with HDFC Ltd to offer housing loans at competitive rates.

IBH will be originating retail home loans as per a joint credit policy and have 20 percent of loan on its books and 80% on HDFC books.

The servicing of loan will be done by Indiabulls Housing Finance for its entire cycle.

199. Care ratings has revised the GDP growth to 10.2% in the Financial Year 2022. It was its _____ revision in the last one month.

- (a) Second
- (b) First
- (c) Sixth
- (d) Fifth
- (e) Third

Answer: E

With economic activities getting affected across the country due to curbs imposed by states amid surge in COVID-19 cases, Care Ratings has revised down its forecast for GDP growth to 10.2 per cent in 2021-22 from earlier projection of 10.7-10.9 per cent.

This is the third revision by the rating agency in the last one month. On March 24, 2021, the agency had projected GDP growth between 11-11.2 percent based on GVA (gross value added) growth of 10.2 per cent.

200. Ace Money Neobank has launched by the Kerala based AcewareFinTech Services in partnership with Yes bank along with _____.

- (a) DBS Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) SBM Bank
- (e) HDFC Bank

Answer: C

AcewareFinTech Services, a fintech services company based out of Kerala, launched the state's first neobank, Ace Money Neobank, in partnership with Yes Bank and ICICI Bank.

In the first phase, startups, traders and business entities can open current accounts with the neobank, according to the company.

Neobank is a kind of virtual bank that operates without any physical branches. Neobanks mainly target customers who make financial transactions using mobile applications and other digital media platforms.